

any contract or obligation made or entered into prior to the taking effect of this act.

Passed the Senate February 3, 1897.

Passed the House March 5, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1897.

CHAPTER LVI.

[S. B. No. 51.]

RELATING TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

AN ACT providing for the constitutional amendment conferring the elective franchise on women.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Amendment to
constitution
proposed:

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend article VI of the constitution of the State of Washington by adding a section to be called section 9, so as to confer the elective franchise on women: Section 9. The elective franchise shall never be denied any person on account of sex, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this constitution.

Secretary of
state shall
publish.

SEC. 2. The secretary of state shall cause the foregoing amendment to be published for three months next preceding said election to be held in November, 1898, in some weekly newspaper in every county within this state wherein a newspaper is published.

To be voted
upon Novem-
ber, 1898.

SEC. 3. That at the general election to be held in November, 1898, the amendment hereinbefore mentioned in section 1 shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Washington for their approval, and there shall be printed on all the ballots provided for said election the words: "For the proposed amendment to article VI of the constitution, conferring the elective franchise on women," "Against the proposed amendment to article VI of the constitution, conferring the elective franchise on women."

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