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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1878-1879. Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 67. Repeals Section 19 of Article XX of Constitution, relating to payment of expenses of State Constitutional Convention of 1878-1879. 

(For full text of measure, see page 12, Part II)

Argument in Favor of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 67

Section 19 of Article XX of the Constitution of California pertains to the payment of expenses and per diem to delegates of the Constitutional Convention of 1879. Since the termination of the work of that convention and the subsequent adoption of the constitution which the convention proposed, this section has ceased to have any force or effect although it had been necessary originally to foreclose any adverse action by the Legislature. Inasmuch as the section is now merely surplusage and there is no known opposition to its repeal a "YES" vote is herewith recommended.

LAUGHLIN E. WATERS
Assemblyman, 58th Dist.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1933 STATUTES. Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 68. Repeals Section 1a of Article IV of Constitution, as adopted in 1933, relating to the effective date of statutes enacted at the 1933 Regular Session of the Legislature.

(For full text of measure, see page 12, Part II)

Argument in Favor of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 68

This measure simply repeals a section of the Constitution which has become obsolete and has no present or prospective effect. It repeals Section 1a of Article IV which made special provision for the taking effect of the statutes enacted at the 1933 Regular Session of the Legislature. That session recessed from May 12 to July 17, 1933, in order to permit a vote on the Riley-Stewart tax plan and other matters at the special election of June 27, 1933. The section has served its purpose and is now obsolete.

Vote YES on Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 68.

ERNEST C. CROWLEY
Assemblyman, 5th Dist.

REVISION OF TAX PROVISIONS. Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 69. Repeals Sections 1a, 8a, 14a, 14b, 15 and 16 of Article XIV of Constitution. Deletes inoperative provisions relating to effective dates of former changes in state tax system, tax exemption of San Francisco Bay Exposition, and tax reassessment following 1933 earthquake. Provides that repeals and deletions of existing provisions shall not affect previously assessed taxes.

(For full text of measure, see page 13, Part II)

Argument in Favor of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 69

This constitutional amendment was recommended by the Joint Legislative Interim Committee on Constitutional Revision, and was unanimously passed by the Legislature. It deletes useless and archaic matters dealing with taxation from our State Constitution.

Article XIII, Section 1a, which exempts the property of the Golden Gate International Exposition of 1933 from taxation, is deleted. There is no further need for this section in our Constitution.

Article XIII, Section 8a, is deleted. This is a special section of our Constitution adopted in 1933 to relieve taxpayers of Los Angeles and Orange Counties from the payment of taxes upon property destroyed by the earthquake of March 10, 1933. It is obvious that there is no further need for this section.

Article XIII, Section 14a, is deleted. This section sets the time when the provisions of Section (Riley-Stewart tax plan adopted June 27, 1933) should become operative. The date set was January 1, 1933. Since that time is long past, there is no further need for that section.

In Article XIII, Sections 14, 14b, and 14c, provide for the taxation of insurance companies. Only Section 14b is operative.

Three paragraphs of Section 14 are deleted. These paragraphs set up the method of taxing insurance companies prior to December 31, 1937, and have not been operative since that time. They were superseded by Section 14b, which provided the method of taxing insurance companies between January 1, 1938, and December 31, 1942. Section 14c has not been operative since that date and is repealed.

Section 14d replaced Section 14c, and sets up the present method for taxing insurance companies. It remains intact, except for the deletion of the transition schedules setting up sliding scale of rates and real estate deductions affecting the years from 1943 through 1946, and the paragraph setting the effective date of the section as December 31, 1942. These provisions are obviously obsolete.

Article XIII, Section 15a, sets the time when certain provisions of Section 15 were to take effect. These provisions of Section 15 were superseded by an amendment adopted November 5, 1946, and Section 15a is therefore deleted.

Article XIII, Section 16a, is deleted. This section deals with the effective date of an amend-
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