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Proposed Constitutional Amendment Prohibiting Saloons and Authorizing State Liquor Traffic Regulation, if Wright Act Repealed and When Federal Laws Permit.

No 1380

The undersigned registered and qualified electors of the State of California hereby propose an amendment to Article XX of the Constitution of the State of California by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 22 of said article.

The Attorney General has entitled and summarized the proposed measure as follows:

STATE LIQUOR REGULATION. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. Declares, if Wright Act is repealed, and when lawful under Federal Constitution and laws, State of California shall have exclusive right to license and regulate the manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, importation and exportation, of intoxicating liquors; prohibits public saloons, bars or drinking places where intoxicating liquors are kept, sold or consumed; permits serving wine and beer with meals furnished in good faith to patrons of hotels, boarding houses, restaurants and public eating places; permits Legislature to authorize, under reasonable restrictions, sale of liquor in original packages in retail stores where same not consumed therein.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County (or City and County) of _____ } ss.

To the Honorable, the Secretary of State of the State of California:

We, the undersigned registered and qualified electors of the State of California, residents of _____, County (or City and County) of _____ in said State, present to the Secretary of State of California this petition and hereby propose and request that an amendment to article XX of the Constitution of the State of California to be known as section 22 of said article XX be submitted to the electors of the State of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election.

Said proposed constitutional amendment is hereby set forth as follows:

Sec. 22. In the event of the repeal of the State Prohibition Enforcement Law, commonly known as the Wright Act, and if and when it shall become lawful under the Constitution and laws of the United States to manufacture, sell, purchase, possess or transport intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes within the United States, the State of California, subject to the internal revenue laws of the United States, shall have the exclusive right and power to control, license and regulate the manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, transportation and disposition of intoxicating liquor within the state, and, subject to the laws of the United States regulating commerce between foreign nations and among the states, shall have the exclusive right and power to control and regulate the importation into and the exportation from the state of intoxicating liquor; provided, however, no public saloon, public bar or barroom or other public drinking place where intoxicating liquors to be used for any purpose shall be kept, bought, sold, consumed or otherwise disposed of, shall ever be established, maintained or operated within the state; provided, further, subject to the above provisions, that in hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, cafes, cafeterias and other public eating places, wines and beer may be served and consumed with meals furnished in good faith to the guests and patrons thereof, and the legislature may authorize, subject to reasonable restrictions, the sale in retail stores of liquor contained in original packages, where such liquor is not to be consumed on the premises where sold.