

*Resolved*, That the principles thus broadly set forth by the framers of our constitution, of the right of the people to re-model their organic law, whenever they deem such action necessary, are the true principles of republican government; for the "authority of constitutions over governments, and of the sovereignty of the people over constitutions," are principles too dearly bought by our ancestors, and too firmly engrafted in the hearts of the people, to be ever surrendered.

*Resolved*, That experience having shewn that the mode presented for altering and amending the constitution, by two successive legislative enactments is ineffectual, for the purpose of giving to our form of government all those republican features, which public sentiment desire, and it being proper to take a fair expression of the sense of the voters of this state, on a subject of such deep concernment to their rights, their welfare and their happiness.—Therefore,

*Resolved* by the authority aforesaid, That at the annual election to be held on the first Monday of October next, the judges of each election district or ward, in the state, shall ask each qualified voter, when he deposits his ballot for members of congress, delegates to the legislature, or for sheriffs—whether he is in favour of a convention for altering the constitution, or whether he is opposed to a convention for that purpose; and the clerk shall keep two separate columns; on one side, he shall register those votes which are for a convention, and on the other those opposed to a convention, and the judges shall make returns thereof, as is usual in cases of election and under like penalties.

*Resolved*, That should a majority of the people of this state, be found to be in favour of a convention, then, the next legislature which shall assemble thereafter, shall divide the state into districts of convenient size, containing as nearly as may be, an equal number of white inhabitants without dividing a county; and to each district shall be assigned an equal number of delegates.

*Resolved*, That as soon as the said districts shall be arranged, and the number shall be designated by law, the governor shall issue his proclamation, to be accompanied by the law requiring the voters to assemble in their respective districts, to elect delegates to a convention to be held at such convenient time and place as may be fixed by law, for the purpose of making a constitution and form of government,