

Mr. Hebb from the Committee on the rights, duties, divisions and sub-divisions of Counties, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the rights, duties, divisions and sub-divisions of Counties, respectfully submit the following Report, to be embodied in a separate Article in the Constitution :

ARTICLE —.

COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS.

Sect. 1. The General Assembly shall provide for organizing new counties, locating and removing county seats, and changing county lines, but no new county shall be organized without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits about to form said county, nor shall any new county contain less than four hundred square miles, nor less than ten thousand white inhabitants, nor shall any county be reduced below that amount of square miles, nor below that number of white inhabitants.

Sect. 2. The General Assembly may, provide by general law for dividing the counties into towns or permanent municipal corporations in place of the existing election districts, prescribing their limits, and confiding to them all powers necessary for the management of their public local concerns, and whenever the organization of these township corporations shall be perfected all officers provided for in this Constitution, but whose official functions shall have been superseded by such organizations, shall be dispensed with, and the affairs of such towns, and of the counties as affected by the action of such town, shall be transacted in such manner as the General Assembly shall direct.

HOPWELL HEBB,
JNO. SWOPE,
JASPER ROBINETTE,
JAMES SYKES,
J. D. CARTER.

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Stockbridge,

The Report of the Committee on Future Amendments to the Constitution,

Was taken up.