

CHAPTER 197

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 39 OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, RELATING TO THE REMISSION OF CERTAIN DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS HELD BY COUNTIES, THE COLLECTION OF WHICH IS BARRED BY THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. That Section 39 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Montana be amended as hereinafter provided, that the question of such amendment be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Montana at the general election to be held in November, 1948.

Section 2. That Section 39 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Montana be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 39. Except as hereinafter provided, no obligation or liability of any person, association or corporation, held or owned by the state, or any municipal corporation therein, shall ever be exchanged, transferred, remitted, released or postponed, or in any way diminished by the legislative assembly; nor shall such liability or obligation be extinguished, except by the payment thereof into the proper treasury.

"It shall however be lawful for the legislative assembly, in such manner as it may direct, to authorize the cancellation of any personal property taxes which are not a lien on real estate and which have been delinquent for ten (10) years or more.

"It shall be lawful for the legislative assembly, in such manner as it may direct, to authorize the cancellation of any contractual obligation owed to or held by a county, for seed grain, feed or other relief, the collection of which obligation is barred by the statute of limitations."

Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Montana by being placed on the official ballot provided for by Section 678, Revised Codes of Montana, 1935, as amended by Chapter 81, Session Laws, 1939, and as provided by law, and there shall be printed on such ballot the title of this act and the following words:

For the above amendment.

Against the above amendment.