

Local Primary Sources, 1919-1920

“Text of the Amendment,” *Madison (Indiana) Courier*, 6 June 1919, 2.

Text of the Amendment.
(By the Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, June 5. - The text of the woman suffrage amendment to the United States Constitution, as it will be presented to the legislatures of the various states, follows:

"Article - 1, Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

"Section 2. Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article."

Gov. James D. Black said that he would not call a special session of the Kentucky state legislature to act upon the federal suffrage amendment.

“Indiana Votes for the Women,” *Madison (Indiana) Courier*, 16 Jan. 1920, 1.

INDIANA VOTES FOR THE WOMEN
The General Assembly in Special Session Called for Today
Approves the Suffrage Amendment to the Federal Constitution

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 16-The federal amendment for woman suffrage was ratified by both bodies of the Indiana legislature meeting in special session here today. In the senate the vote was 43 to 3, and in the house 93 to 0. Indiana is the twenty-six state to ratify the amendment. Those opposing the resolution were Senators McCray, Kline and Haggerty.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 16-That the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for the enfranchisement of the women of America as ratified promptly and that it be the only business transacted at this time was the request of Governor Goodrich in his message today to the extraordinary one day session of the Indiana legislature here today.

The governor's message was brief. Ten more states need to ratify the amendment to make woman suffrage a national reality, he declared.

Other matters of vital importance to the interest of Indiana probably will necessitate a call for another special session soon, Governor Goodrich said.

His message says in part:

"You have been called together in special session today for what will become one of the historic meetings, of the general assembly of our state. You have been asked to convene for the purpose of ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the enfranchisement of the women of America. There is little doubt as to how the general assembly stands upon this question. You have already shown your sympathy with the suffrage movement by giving to the women of Indiana the largest degree of suffrage possible under our constitution.

"I have asked you to meet at this time for two reasons; first is the hope that your actions will serve as an impetus to the early ratification by the states in which ratification is still being delayed and record, that Indiana be not last in its contribution to the political freedom of women.

"Other matters of vital importance to the interest of the state will probably necessitate a call for a special session of the general assembly at an early date. I desire at this time simply to recommend that you ratify the suffrage amendment session as quickly as you can in order that the expense of this extraordinary session be put at the lowest possible figure.

INDIANAPOLIS. Jan 16-The joint resolution, the passage of which constitutes ratification of the federal amendment, do not require the signature of the governor, although it was said he might follow his action in signing the prohibition ratification resolution and affix his signature to the suffrage resolution also.

Following the ratification, women who had crowded the galleries and floors of the chambers during the session, held a jubilee in the corridors of the state house which, to the accompaniment of a band, the suffragists sang their "battle" songs.

Both houses adjourned until 2 o'clock when unfinished business incident to the special session was to be concluded.

“Harper Speaks to Women,” *Madison (Indiana) Courier*, 16 Jan. 1920, 3.

HARPER SPEAKS TO WOMEN

City Treasurer Explains Municipal Government and Rejoices Over Woman Suffrage.

Mr. George F. Harper, city treasurer, addressed the woman's franchise club last night. There was an excellent attendance, and all listened, attentively, to a lucid exposition of the several forms of city government in Indiana.

In concluding his remarks Mr. Harper eulogized woman and woman suffrage, in part as follows:

A right-thinking executive will make a success of any system, while the best system in the world will become a failure under the regime of an evil thinker.

The world at large is at last beginning to know that woman is more than "a rag, a bone and a hank of hair," and that she is endowed with the same intelligence as man and is therefore just as competent to participate in public affairs as he is.

It is a pleasure to know that in our own state she has been given a vote on presidential elections.

It is also pleasurable to you to know that the Woman's Franchise league has called a special session of the general assembly and before old Father Time sounds the death-knell of another day Indiana will have ratified the Federal amendment for full suffrage.

I have no patience with the fellow who decries full suffrage and says that woman's place is in the kitchen. He is on par with the woman who thinks she can gain the love and good grace of her husband through his stomach.

Love, liberty and freedom are divine, not human.

Liberty and freedom as applied to women are words that have been handled about by the press, pulpit and platform without much thought as to their true meaning when half of the population of our nation was on servitude.

“Republican Women to Meet,” *Madison (Indiana) Courier*, 17 Jan. 1920, 2.

Republican Women to Meet.

There will be a meeting of the republican women of Jefferson county at the city hall, Thursday, January 22nd, at two p.m. to complete their county organization. The questions "Why Women Should Vote, and "Why I am a Republican?" will be answered by two of the clearest thinkers and speakers in this county, Mrs. E. R. Trow, and Mrs. Jesse Salyers.

It is desired that every republican woman in the county attend this meeting. It is very important that there shall be a good representation from each township, for there is much to be done, and the time is short between now and the primaries in May. Every meeting must count.

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“Woman Suffrage,” *Madison (Indiana) Courier*, 30 Aug. 1920, 2.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

State Legislatures that have ratified the amendment:

Republican	29
Democratic	6

Legislatures reject the amendment:

Republican	1
Democratic	6

Governors calling special session to ratify amendment:

Republican	16
Democratic	9

In view of these facts can the woman who want the ballot conscientiously say that the democratic party has been anything but long on promises and very short on results?