

the county clerk of said county a certificate of the whole number of votes cast in said county for said proposition and against said proposition, and if it shall appear by said certificate and returns that a majority of all the votes cast upon said proposition are in favor of the funding of the debt of said county, then this act shall take effect and be in force immediately thereafter.

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### CHAPTER 235.

AN ACT to regulate the appointment of inspectors of election and the registration of electors in cities of over twenty-five thousand inhabitants.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The mayor of every incorporated city in this state, which, by the census of 1870, contained a population in excess of twenty-five thousand, shall present to the board of aldermen of such city at its first regular meeting in September of each year, the names of three persons for inspectors of elections, and the names of two persons for clerks of elections, for each election precinct in said city. Such inspectors shall be electors in the ward for which they shall be appointed inspectors; shall be able to read and write the English language understandingly; shall not be candidates to be voted for at any election for which they may be appointed inspectors; and not more than two of such inspectors shall belong to the same political party; and members of the board of aldermen of such city shall be competent to serve as members of said board of inspectors when not otherwise disqualified. Such clerks shall be electors in the wards for which they shall be appointed clerks; shall be able to read and write the English language understandingly; shall not be candidates to be voted for at any election for which they may be appointed clerks, and shall be of opposing political parties. Such board of aldermen upon presentation of such nominations for inspectors and clerks of elections, shall immediately proceed to approve or disapprove of the same, and in case a majority of said board of aldermen shall disapprove of any person so nominated, the mayor shall then nominate another per-

Cities wherein registration is required.

Appointment of inspectors.

Qualification of inspectors.

Duty of board of aldermen.

**Term of office  
of inspectors  
and clerks.**

son for such position and shall so continue to do until said board of three inspectors and two clerks for each election precinct in said city shall have been nominated and confirmed, and such nominations and confirmations when so made and concluded, such board of inspectors and clerks shall possess the qualifications and be composed of persons known to belong to the different political parties as hereinbefore provided. The persons so appointed inspectors and clerks of election shall hold their positions during one year; they shall act as inspectors and clerks at every general, municipal or special election held within their precincts during such time; they shall receive such compensation for their services, and be liable to such penalties for any violation of their duties, as is provided by law for inspectors and clerks of elections in other cases. Such board of inspectors shall have power to fill any vacancy in its number, or in the number of the clerks, but the person so appointed to fill a vacancy shall be of the same political party, and possess the same qualifications as the person he succeeds.

**Board of regis-  
try; duties of**

**SECTION 2.** The persons authorized by law to act as inspectors of elections in any ward or election precinct in such city, shall constitute a board of registry for their respective wards or precincts, and their duties as such boards of registry shall be as follows, viz: To make at such times and in such manner as hereinafter prescribed, a list of all the persons qualified and entitled to vote at the then ensuing election, in the election district of which they are inspectors. The said inspectors shall have their first meeting on Tuesday, three weeks preceding each general election, at the place where said election is to be held, and shall sit two days, for the purpose of making such list. They shall meet at nine o'clock in the forenoon and hold their meetings open until nine o'clock in the evening of each day during which they shall so sit.

**First meeting.**

**Registers.**

**SECTION 3.** Said registers shall each contain a list of the persons so qualified and entitled to vote in said election district alphabetically arranged according to their respective surnames so as to show in one column the name at full length, and in another column the residence by the number of the dwelling, if there be a number, and the name of the street or other location of the dwelling place, of each person. It shall be the duty of said inspectors to enter in said lists the names of all persons residing in their election districts, whose name appears on the poll list kept in said district at the

**Duty of inspect-  
ors.**

last preceding general election, the number of the dwelling, and name of street or other location, if the same shall be known to, or can be ascertained by such inspectors, and for this purpose said inspectors are authorized to take from the office in which they are filed, the poll lists made and filed by the inspectors of such district at the general election held next prior to the making of such register. In making said list the board shall enter thereon in addition to the names on the poll list, the names of all other persons duly qualified to vote, who shall appear in person to be registered, and the names of those qualified electors of said precinct who shall make application in writing, which written application shall state the place of residence of such person, and such written application shall be preserved and filed with the city clerk; and the names of all persons on said poll list who have died or removed from the district shall be omitted from said register. The said inspectors shall complete as far as practicable the said register at their first meeting as aforesaid, and shall make four copies thereof, and shall certify the register and each of the copies to be a true list of the voters in their district, so far as the same are known to them; within two days thereafter the said original list, together with the poll list taken from the office as aforesaid, shall be filed by said inspectors in the office of the city clerk of said city; and one copy of said list shall be kept by each of said inspectors, and carefully preserved by him for their use on the day or days hereinafter mentioned for the revision and correction of the same. One copy of said list shall, immediately after its completion, be posted in some conspicuous place in the room in which such meeting shall be held, and be accessible to any elector who may desire to examine the same, or make copies thereof. The inspectors shall cause ten printed copies of said list to be posted up in ten of the different and most public places within such election district. Said inspectors shall in addition to the foregoing, cause to be printed not less than fifty additional copies of said list, and shall within three days deliver not less than ten copies of the lists so printed to the respective chairmen of the ward committees of the principal opposing political parties.

SECTION 4. In case a new election district shall be formed by the division of any ward, the inspectors of election in the new district thus formed, may make their registry of electors, on the days prescribed by this act, in such manner as a majority of the inspectors

Personal and written application for registration.

Copies of register.

One copy to be posted up.

Ten additional copies to be printed and posted.

Fifty additional copies to be printed.

New election district.

may direct; and for that purpose may make a list, or cause to be made a certified copy, of the poll list or lists of the district or districts, in which such new district is situated; or they may dispense with such list, or lists, and proceed to make a register of electors from the best means at their command. Said list shall only embrace the names of such persons as are known to them to be electors in their district, and shall be posted up, and copies thereof made as prescribed in the preceding section and shall be corrected in the same manner that other lists are corrected.

Board to meet at place of holding election.

SECTION 5. The said board shall meet on Tuesday, one week preceding the general election, in its respective election district at the place designated for holding the polls of election, for the purpose of revising, correcting and completing said lists, and for this purpose it shall meet at nine o'clock in the morning and remain in session until nine o'clock P. M. on that day and the day following.

Proceedings of board to be open.

SECTION 6. The proceedings of said board shall be open, and all persons residing and entitled to vote in said district shall be entitled to be heard by said inspectors in relation to corrections or additions to said register. One of the lists so kept by inspectors, as aforesaid, shall be used by them on the days of making corrections or additions for the purpose of completing the registry for said district.

Revision and correction of lists.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of said inspectors, at their meeting for revising and correcting said lists, to erase therefrom the name of any person inserted therein who shall be proved by the oath of two legal voters of said district, to the satisfaction of said inspectors, to be a non-resident of said district or otherwise not entitled to vote in said district at the election then next to be held. Any elector residing in said district, and entitled to vote therein, may appear before said board of inspectors and require his name to be recorded on said alphabetical list. Any person so requiring his name to be entered on said list shall make the same statement as to the street and number thereof, and where he resides, required by the provisions of this act of persons offering their votes at the election, and shall be subject to the same penalties for refusing to give such information, or for falsely giving the same, and shall also be subject to challenge, either by the inspectors or either of them, or by any other elector whose name appears on said alphabetical list, and the same oaths may be administered by the inspectors as now provided against

Rights of electors.

persons offering to vote at an election, and in case no challenge is made of any person requiring his name to be entered on said alphabetical list, or in case of challenge, if such person shall make an oath that would entitle him to vote in case of challenge at an election, then the name of any such person shall be added to the alphabetical poll list of the last preceding year. Any person who is not twenty-one years of age, on either of these days when the register is completed, but will be if he should live until the day of election, may have his name put on said register, provided he is otherwise qualified to be an elector.

SECTION 8. After said lists shall have been fully completed upon the days before mentioned, no names shall be added thereto by any person or upon any pretext, and the said inspectors shall within three days thereafter cause four copies of the same to be made, each of which shall be certified by them to be a correct list of the voters of their district; one of which shall be filed in the office of the city clerk, and one of which shall be delivered to each of said inspectors. Said inspectors shall, in addition to the foregoing, cause to be printed within three days from the completion of said register, not less than fifty copies of such register, together with the residence of every person whose name appears thereon; and of the lists of names so printed, one-half shall be delivered not later than Saturday preceding each election, to the respective chairmen of the ward committees of the principal opposing political parties. It shall be the duty of said inspectors, so receiving such completed lists as aforesaid, carefully to preserve the said lists for their use on election day, and to designate two of their number at the opening of the polls, to check the name of every voter voting in such district, whose name is on the register. No vote shall be received at any general election, unless the name of the person offering to vote be on the said register as completed by the board of registry as provided in section five (5) of this act, except as herein provided. In case any one shall, after the last day for completing said register, and before such election, become a qualified voter of the election district, he shall have the same right to vote therein at such election as he would have had if his name had been duly registered in said register: *provided*, he shall before, or at the time he offers to vote, deliver to the inspectors his own affidavit, in which he shall state the facts, showing that he has since the completion of said register become a qualified elector of such dis-

No additions to be made to completed list.

No vote to be received except as herein provided.

Person offering to vote to make affidavit.

Corroborating affidavits.

trict, and the facts showing that he was not such elector on the day said register was completed; and he shall also deliver to such inspectors, with his own affidavit, the affidavits of two freeholders of such election district, corroborating in detail the material statements in his own affidavit. No one freeholder shall be competent to make at any one election corroborating affidavits for more than five voters. All of said affidavits shall be sworn to before some officer authorized by the laws of Wisconsin to take affidavits. The inspectors shall keep a list of the names and residence of the electors voting, whose names are not on said completed register, and attach such list to the register and return it, together with all the affidavits aforesaid to the city clerk's office. Any person whose name is on the register may be challenged, and the same oaths shall be put as now or hereafter may be prescribed by law.

Additional duties of clerks.

SECTION 9. The clerks at each poll, in addition to the duties now prescribed by law, shall enter on the poll list kept by them, in columns prepared for that purpose, opposite the name of each person voting, the same statement or minute, as hereinbefore required of inspectors in making the registry. Every elector, at the time of offering his vote, shall truly state the street in which he resides, and if the house, lodging or tenement in which he resides is numbered, the number thereof, and the clerks of the polls shall truly enter in the appropriate column of the poll list, opposite the name of the elector, the street in which the elector resides, and the number in case the house, lodging or tenement is numbered; and if the same is not numbered, then the clerk shall enter "not numbered" in the column of the poll list for entering the number. In case of refusal to make the statement as aforesaid, the vote of such elector shall not be received. Any person who shall willfully make any false statement in relation thereto shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction, be punished with a fine of fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail of the county, for a period of ten days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Copy of register and poll list to be attached together.

SECTION 10. After the canvass of the votes, one of said poll lists and registers so kept and checked as aforesaid, shall be attached together and shall on the following day be filed in the city clerk's office to be used by the inspectors in making the list of voters at the next general election. The other of said poll lists and registers so kept and checked shall be returned to the office of the county clerk of the county in which

such district may be, at the same time the returns of the election are made. All ballots cast at such election shall be carefully preserved and returned with the ballot box to the office of the city clerk where they shall be kept until the official canvass is made.

SECTION 11. The registers shall at all times be open to public inspection, at the office in which they shall be deposited, without charge.

Registers open to public inspection.

SECTION 12. The members of the board of registration, shall each receive the same compensation as is now allowed by law for inspectors of election, for each day actually employed in the making and completion of the registry to be paid to them at the time and in the manner in which they are paid their other fees.

Per diem of members of board.

SECTION 13. The said board shall have and exercise the same power for preserving order at its meetings under this act, as is given to inspectors of election for preserving order on election day.

Power of board.

SECTION 14. Any person who shall cause his name to be registered in more than one election district, or who shall cause his name to be registered, knowing that he is not a qualified voter in the district where such registry is made, or who shall falsely personate any registered voter, and any person causing, aiding or abetting any person in any manner in either of said acts, shall be punished for each and every offense by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than one year. All false swearing before said board of registration, or in making affidavits required by this act, shall be deemed willful and corrupt perjury and on conviction, punished as such. If any member or officer of said board shall willfully violate any of the provisions of this act, or be guilty of any fraud in the execution of the duties of his office, he shall be punished for each and every offense by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than one year.

Penalty for false registration and false swearing.

SECTION 15. The secretary of state shall cause this law to be printed in pamphlet form with suitable forms and instructions for carrying it into effect, together with the general election law of the state and a sufficient number of copies thereof sent to each clerk of the board of supervisors in every county in this state, to supply each of the officers named in this act with a copy; and it shall be the duty of each of said clerks immediately to transmit a copy of the same to each of the inspectors of election in his county.

Secretary of state to cause this law to be printed.

SECTION 16. The necessary blanks for making the registers required by this law shall be prepared by the

Secretary to furnish blanks.

secretary of state and transmitted to the persons entitled to receive them in the same manner that blank returns of elections are now transmitted.

Notice of meeting of board of registry.

SECTION 17. It shall be the duty of the city clerk in all cities coming within the provisions of this act to give at least five days' notice of the time and place of the meetings of the said board of registry, by publication in some newspaper published in the city in which he resides; and it shall also be the duty of the said city clerk to prepare and furnish to the inspectors the blanks for the affidavits mentioned in section eight of this act.

Constructing of act.

SECTION 18. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed, and section one of this act shall be taken and held to be an amendment in respect to the matters contained therein of every city charter in this state to which it may apply.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 236.

AN ACT relating to the city of Beloit and authorizing the acquirement and use of additional cemetery grounds, by that city.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Authorized to plat additional cemetery grounds.

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of Beloit is hereby authorized and empowered to plat and sell for burial purposes to any resident of said city, the whole or any part of the lands now owned by said city at the southwest corner of the present cemetery and being a part of block number five in the village (now city) of Beloit, according to Hopkins' survey.

May purchase additional land.

SECTION 2. The said city of Beloit may, in the manner hereinafter provided, acquire for the purpose of enlarging the present cemetery in said city, lands adjoining said cemetery on the north or east, or both north and east, to an amount not exceeding in all ten (10) acres.

Question of enlargement of cemetery grounds to be

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the common council of said city of Beloit at the next charter election of said city, to submit to the voters of said city, the