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## CHAPTER 404.

AN ACT to amend section 49 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 72 of the laws of 1899, relating to elections.

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

**Polls, when to open and close.** SECTION 1. Section 49 of the statutes for 1898 as amended by chapter 72 laws of Wisconsin for 1899 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "inhabitants" where it appears in the thirty-first line the words "and all towns and villages in counties of not less than two hundred thousand inhabitants" so said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 49. The polls of every election in every city of five thousand inhabitants or over, shall be opened at six o'clock in the morning and be closed at seven o'clock in the evening of the same day. The polls of the election held in other cities, and in towns and villages on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, shall be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as may be, and close at sundown, provided that the common council of any city, containing less than five thousand inhabitants, the town board of any town or board of trustees of any village, may by resolution adopted and published in some newspaper in such city, town or village, or in case there be no newspaper published therein, then in some newspaper published in the county in which such city, town or village is located, at least ten days before the election, fix an earlier hour for the opening of the polls in such city, town or village, not earlier than sunrise; cities of less than five thousand inhabitants, and all towns and villages in counties of not less than two hundred thousand inhabitants may, by said resolution, open the polls not earlier than six o'clock in the morning and shall remain open not later than seven o'clock in the evening. Inspectors of election shall cause public proclamation to be made at the opening and closing of the polls.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 14, 1901.