

and moneys, administer oaths to and examine their officers and agents as to their affairs. Special examinations shall be made upon written request of five or more members, they guaranteeing the expense of the same; otherwise, the actual and necessary expenses of such examination shall be paid out of the state treasury. Any such association refusing to submit to an examination ordered or requested shall be reported to the attorney-general, who shall institute proceedings to have its charter revoked, which refusal shall be the cause for such revocation.

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

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## CHAPTER 359.

AN ACT amendatory of section 20 and section 21 of chapter 451 of the laws of 1903, relating to primary elections.

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

### **City board of canvassers; quorum; meetings; when held.**

SECTION 1. Section 20 of chapter 451 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 20. The canvass of the returns of a city primary shall be made by \* \* \* the city clerk \* \* \* and the chairman of the city party committees of the various recognized parties in such city, any two of whom shall constitute a quorum. Such board of canvassers shall meet at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the day following the city primary and canvass the vote substantially as provided by sections 82 and 83, statutes of 1898. They shall make and certify duplicate returns as to the votes cast for the candidates and forthwith certify and file one complete return with the city clerk and deliver so much of the other as relates to each party to the respective city chairman. So far as applicable and not otherwise provided herein, the provisions of this act shall apply to all city primaries, provided that nomination papers therefor

shall be filed at least fifteen days, a list of candidates posted and published at least ten days, and the official ballot printed at least four days before the day of holding such primaries.

**Party committees.** SECTION 2. Section 21 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 21. 1. At the September primary each voter may write in the space left on his ticket for that purpose the names of not to exceed three qualified electors of the precinct for members of his party precinct committee. The three having the highest number of votes shall constitute such committee, and the one having the largest vote shall be chairman. The official return made by the inspectors shall show the name and address of each party committeeman chosen.

2. The party committee of each \* \* \* county \* \* \* shall consist of *one ward chairman from each ward in the city, one member from each township and one member from each village, who shall be a chairman of a party precinct committee and who shall be elected by a majority of the members of the different precinct committees in such ward of such city, township or village respectively. The chairman of the county committee shall call a meeting of the various precinct committees in each respective ward of such city, township and village for the purpose of electing a representative to such county committee. Such meeting shall be held two days after the holding of such primaries. Such meeting shall be called by an official call which shall be published ten days before the holding of such primaries in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county where such primaries are held. The assembly district committee shall consist of the party chairman of each precinct in such city, county or district; the state senatorial district committee of the chairman of the assembly district committees in such senatorial district; the congressional committee of the party chairman of the senatorial district committee wholly or partially within such congressional district; the state central committee as hereinafter provided. Each such committee shall choose its officers by ballot excepting as herein provided. Five days after the members of the various precinct committees have met and elected a representative to the county committee from the various wards in cities and from villages, and townships in such county, the chairman of the county committee shall call a meeting of the various chairmen of the precinct committees in each assembly district, for the purpose of electing a chairman who shall be a member of the senatorial district committee of such city, village and township in such county, and five days following the election of the*

*members of the senatorial district committee the chairman of the county committee shall call a meeting of the various senatorial district committees for the purpose of electing a chairman, who shall be a member of the congressional district committee in such city, village and township in such county, wholly or partially within such congressional district. Provided, however, in case within such congressional district. Provided, however in case one county, such meeting shall be called by the chairman of the state central committee.*

3. Each committee and its officers shall have the powers usually exercised by such committees, and by the officers thereof, in so far as is consistent with this act. The various officers and committees now in existence shall exercise the powers and perform the duties herein prescribed until their successors are chosen in accordance with this act. At all meetings of said city, county and assembly district committees each *ward or precinct chairman, as the case may be*, shall have one vote for every fifty votes, or major fraction thereof, cast by his party in his *respective ward or precinct, as the case may be*, at the last general election, each such chairman also to have at least one vote *for each precinct in his ward*, the vote at such general election to be determined as provided in section 5 of this act. The duties of the party *ward* chairman, when he shall be unable to perform the same, shall be performed by a member of *any* party precinct committee *in his ward* designated by him. The duties of the chairman or secretary of any other committee may be performed by members of such committee, selected by such chairman or secretary. Any vacancy in any committee office shall be filled in the same manner as that in which such officer was originally chosen, except that in the case of a vacancy in the chairmanship of a precinct committee, the committee shall elect one of its members to fill such vacancy.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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