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CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT to amend section 16, statutes of 1898, as amended, relating to division of election districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16, statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 351, laws of 1899 and chapter 333, laws of 1901, is amended to read:

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No. 843, A.]

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CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT to amend section 4562d, statutes of 1898, relating to the hunting and killing of deer.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4562d, statutes of 1898, as amended by section 9, chapter 311, laws of 1899, section 9, chapter 358, laws of 1901, section 17, chapter 437, laws of 1903, and chapter 436, laws of 1905, is amended to read:

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Authority to consolidate election districts, town, village, or city. SECTION 16. 1. Election districts as established may be divided into two or more districts in towns when the supervisors shall deem it for the convenience of the voters, and shall be divided when fifty or more electors thereof shall petition the board in writing therefor; and such division shall be made in wards, villages or towns when it shall appear that six hundred or more votes were cast in any such district therein at any election; provided, however, that no division shall be made in any town containing less than fifty sections of land unless it shall appear that four hundred or more votes were cast in such town at the last preceding general election.

2. Such division shall be made at least four months prior to the next succeeding general election and shall be so made that the districts shall be composed of compact, contiguous territory, no one of which shall contain over five hundred voters. The order or resolution making such division shall be filed with the proper city, village or town clerk, who shall within five days after such filing transmit a copy thereof to the county clerk, and in towns and villages the clerks thereof shall post copies of such order or resolution in five public places therein.

3. The order or resolution shall designate the districts by numbers, and the place where the election in each shall be held, which place shall be fixed with a view to the convenience of the largest number of voters.

4. The order dividing a town into districts shall designate the persons who shall act as election officers, if present in the district or districts thereby created.

5. The persons so designated shall possess the qualifications hereinafter prescribed and represent the political parties in accordance with the provisions of this chapter respecting the officers of election in cities and villages. One of the persons named as inspectors for each district shall be designated as chairman.

6. When a town is thus divided into election districts, the annual town meeting and all judicial and special town elections shall be held at election district number one; all other elections shall be held at the districts as divided.

7. It shall be competent for town boards, village trustees or common councils to change the boundaries of election districts without creating new districts, *or to consolidate two or more districts within the same town, village or city* subject to the foregoing conditions as to time, compactness of territory filing of a copy of the order or resolution and posting copies thereof.

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