

utes, it shall appear that a fire company has been organized within such * * * village as provided in sections 211.05 to 211.08 of the statutes and that such corporation, if provided with the proper equipment, will furnish reasonably adequate fire protection for life and property within such village, and it shall appear further from such petition that a specified sum is necessary for the purchase of reasonably adequate equipment, the town board of the town in which such unincorporated village is situated, *or the village board of such incorporated village* * * * *may* appropriate such sum for the purchase of such equipment and shall levy a tax upon all the * * * *personal property and improvements* within the limits of such * * * village in order to reimburse the town *or village* for the money so expended, such tax to be in addition to the other general and special taxes assessed upon the property in such village. *Subject to the limitations and in the manner prescribed in chapter 67, either such board may borrow money for the purchase of apparatus and equipment and the housing and maintenance of same.*

(4) Whenever any freeholder residing within * * * *a reasonable distance* of the limits of any such * * * village shall join in either of the petitions * * * provided for in *subsection (1)*, the * * * board shall include in the property subject to the levy provided for herein all of the *personal property and improvements* of such petitioners lying within * * * *such reasonable distance* of the limits of such village.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 208.

AN ACT to repeal subsection (5) of section 6.14, and sections 6.16, 6.17 and 6.18; to amend section 6.13, subsection (1) of section 6.14 and section 6.28; and to create sections 6.15, 6.16, 6.17 and 6.18 of the statutes, relating to a simplified and permanent registration system.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (5) of section 6.14, and sections 6.16, 6.17 and 6.18 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 6.13, subsection (1) of section 6.14 and section 6.28 of the statutes are amended to read: 6.13 The provisions of sections 6.15, 6.16 * * * 6.17 and 6.18 respecting the registration of electors shall not apply in counties having a population of three hundred thousand or more.

(6.14) (1) In every city, every incorporated village, and every town, which according to the last preceding United States census had a population of five thousand or more, a registry of electors shall be made in every election district thereof. * * * Such registration shall be applicable to * * * *all elections and all primaries*. Until the population of any city, village or town shall have been determined by a United States census no registry shall be held or taken therein, except as otherwise provided in this section.

6.28 Each county clerk shall cause to be printed in the same manner and at the same time that official ballots are printed a sufficient number of poll lists and other supplies required by law for the conduct of elections, for each precinct in the county. * * * Official oaths of the inspectors, clerks of election and ballot clerks shall be printed in said poll lists. Such poll lists and election supplies shall be delivered by such clerks when the official ballots for each precinct are delivered in the sealed package containing the official ballots. * * *

SECTION 3. Four new sections are added to the statutes to read: 6.15 The clerk of each municipality in which registration is applicable under section 6.14 shall have full charge and control of the registration of voters within the municipality for which he is elected or appointed. The clerk and all employes in his office are authorized to execute such affidavits as may be required by sections 6.16, 6.17 and 6.18.

6.16 (1) The clerk shall provide a sufficient number of blank forms for the registration of electors (hereafter called affidavits of registration), which shall consist of loose-leaf sheets printed on paper of durable quality, and shall be made in duplicate.

(2) The form of the registration affidavit shall be substantially as follows:

| | | | Residence | | |
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| Last name | First name | Middle name | Street | No. | Ward and Precinct |
| Occupation | | | | | |
| Birthplace..... | | | | | |
| If naturalized: Name of | | | | | |
| Court..... | | | | | |
| Place | | | | | |
| Date | | | | | |
| Through whom naturalized.... | | | | | |
| Husband | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | |
| Father | | | | | |

Affidavit of Registration.

State of Wisconsin, County of.....

I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States, that on the day of the next election I shall be at least twenty-one years of age, and shall have resided in the State of Wisconsin for one year next preceding said election, and in the election district ten days, and that I am legally qualified to vote.

Subscribed and sworn before me this..... day of.....

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Signature of registration office

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Signature of voter

Voting Record.

Stamp or write the date of each election at which the elector votes on the first vacant space

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(3) The original affidavits of registration shall be filed by precincts, arranged in numerical order of houses located on each

street separately, commencing with the lowest and ending with the highest number within the precinct, and the affidavits of all electors registered from the same address shall be arranged in alphabetical order. The streets shall be arranged in successive geographical order from east to west and north to south.

(4) The duplicate affidavits shall be filed in exact alphabetical order for the entire municipality without regard to precincts and shall be kept in the office of the clerk.

(5) The original affidavits shall constitute the official register of the respective precincts, and before being turned over to the election inspectors for use at the polls shall be securely bound in suitable binders. The official precinct register shall be sent by the clerk to the inspectors of election for use at the polls at each election or primary, and shall be consulted whenever necessary or proper. In case of any discrepancy between the official register and the registry lists provided for in this section, the official register shall be controlling. The official register shall, with all convenient dispatch and within two days, be returned to the clerk of the municipality.

(6) After the close of registration prior to any election or primary the clerk shall prepare one original typewritten copy and at least two carbon copies of the list of registered electors for each precinct of the municipality, which registry lists shall contain the full name and address of each registered elector and shall be arranged in the same order as the register of electors. The original copy and one carbon copy shall be furnished to the election inspectors of each election district for use at the polls. The registry lists shall contain a blank column for the entry of the serial numbers of the electors when they vote, blank spaces to enter the names of electors who vote by affidavit, and also a form of certificate setting forth that each list is a true and complete combined check and poll list of the respective precincts, which form shall be filled in and signed by the three inspectors of election in each precinct; such combined check and poll lists, duly verified, to be returned as provided by law.

(7) Two election officers of each election precinct shall have charge of the registry lists and shall write after the name of each voter the serial number of his vote as the same is polled, beginning with the number one, and these lists so kept shall be in lieu of the poll lists required by sections 6.45 and 6.49. The

names of all qualified electors who vote by affidavit as provided by section 6.44 shall be added to said lists.

(8) Additional copies of the registry lists shall be open to public inspection at the office of the city clerk as soon as they are completed.

(9) The two clerks of election required by section 6.45 to maintain poll lists shall be assigned other duties, or at the discretion of the legislative body of the municipality their services may be dispensed with.

(10) After each election or primary the clerk of the municipality shall make a record of each elector who has voted at that election or primary by stamping or writing the date of the election or primary in the appropriate space on the original registration affidavit of the elector.

6.17 (1) The clerk of the municipality shall receive applications for registration at his office during regular office hours throughout the year and at such other places and at such times as he may deem advisable, except that registration for any election or primary shall be closed at the close of office hours on Tuesday next preceding the election or primary. At the first primary election conducted after the taking effect of sections 6.15 to 6.18 any qualified voter shall be permitted to register at the polls on the day of election and vote at such election. Such registration shall be conducted by the regular election officers, or in the discretion of the city council, by a special registration deputy appointed by the city clerk for each precinct.

(2) Applications for registration shall be made in person by the elector who shall be required to sign the original and duplicate affidavits.

(3) If any elector applying for registration is already registered in another municipality within the state of Wisconsin he shall so state this fact to the registration officer and shall sign an authorization to cancel the previous registration on a form substantially as follows:

I hereby authorize the cancellation of my previous registration at the following address.....

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Signature

Present address

The clerk shall cause all such authorizations to be mailed to the

proper registration officer not later than twenty-four hours following the close of registration prior to any election or primary.

(4) The registration officer shall make proper entries upon the affidavit of registration after due inquiry of the applicant for registration. Before the first name of a woman elector he shall enter Mrs. or Miss, as the case may be.

(5) Any elector who is more than fifty miles away from his legal residence may be registered prior to the close of registration before any election or primary in the following manner: He shall secure from the clerk of the municipality blank registration affidavits with suitable instructions, and shall appear before a notary public or other officer legally authorized to administer oaths, and have the original and duplicate registration affidavits properly made out and signed by the elector. The notary public or other officer administering the oath shall sign his name on the line for the signature of the registration officer and affix his seal thereto. The original and duplicate shall be returned to the clerk of the municipality and shall reach him not later than the close of office hours on the last day of registration prior to the election or primary in order for the elector to be registered for that election or primary.

(6) Any registered elector may upon change of residence within the municipality cause his registration to be transferred to his new address by sending to the clerk a signed request, stating his present address and the address from which he was last registered, or by applying in person for a transfer. The clerk shall strike through the last address, ward and precinct number and record the new address, ward and precinct number on the original and duplicate affidavits, and shall place the original affidavit in proper precinct register.

(7) The clerk may transfer the registration of any elector upon the receipt of reliable information that such elector has changed his residence, but in such cases he shall mail to the elector a form notice of the transfer, as a means of avoiding errors and informing the elector that he is duly registered from the new address. It shall be the duty of the clerk to procure monthly a list of all transfers of electric and gas service in such municipality during the preceding month. From such list the clerk shall transfer the registration of electors who have changed their residence within the municipality.

6.18 (1) The clerk shall revise and correct the registration records as follows:

(a) Following every general November election in even numbered years he shall examine the registration records and shall cancel the registration of all voters who have not voted within a period of two years. Provided, that each such voter shall be sent a notice through the mails substantially as follows:

Notice of Suspension of Registration.

You are hereby notified that your registration will be cancelled according to state law, for failure to vote within a two-year period, unless you apply for reinstatement within thirty days. You may reinstate your registration by signing the statement below and returning it to this office or by applying in person.

Application for Reinstatement of Registration.

I hereby certify that I still reside at the address from which I am registered and apply for reinstatement of registration.

Signed

Present address

After the expiration of thirty days the clerk shall cancel the registration of all electors thus notified who have not applied for reinstatement. A proper entry shall be made on the voting record of the affidavit of registration of all electors whose registration is reinstated. Any elector whose registration has been cancelled may be registered again by making a new application for registration to the clerk of the municipality.

(2) At suitable intervals and at least once a month the clerk shall secure from the local register of vital statistics a list of all persons over twenty-one years of age who have died, and shall compare this list with the registration lists and cancel the registration of all deceased electors.

(3) Upon the receipt of an authorization of cancellation of registration from the elector the clerk shall cancel said registration.

(4) Any elector of the municipality may challenge the registration of any registered elector by submitting to the clerk a written affidavit that such elector is not qualified to vote, which affidavit shall specify the grounds upon which the challenged elector is disqualified. Upon receipt of such affidavit the clerk shall mail to the challenged elector at his registered address a notification of the challenge. If the challenged elector fail to appear before

the clerk within one week and answer the questions and take the oath required of persons challenged on the same grounds at election, the clerk shall cancel his registration.

(5) Upon receipt of reliable information that a registered elector has moved away from the municipality the clerk shall notify such elector through the mail at his registered address, stating the source of the information, and if the elector does not apply for continuation of registration within thirty days, his registration shall be cancelled.

(8) When a registration is cancelled the clerk shall cause to be made a proper entry upon both the original and duplicate affidavits of registration, indicating the date, the cause for cancellation, and the initials of the person making the cancellation. The original cancelled affidavit shall be permanently filed in the office of the clerk.

(7) The registration records shall be open for public inspection, and any citizen may make or cause to be made a copy of the registration lists under rules and regulations prescribed by the clerk.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect September 1, 1927.

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CHAPTER 209.

AN ACT to abolish the municipal court of the city of Eau Claire and conferring additional jurisdiction on the county court of Eau Claire County.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter II, section 7 of chapter VII and chapter XI, all of chapter 184 of the Laws of 1889 are repealed and the municipal court of the city of Eau Claire is hereby abolished. All actions pending in said municipal court of the city of Eau Claire at the time this act takes effect shall be transferred to the county court of Eau Claire county. All public records of every nature of said municipal court shall be transferred to the county judge of Eau Claire county, and shall thereafter be