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CHAPTER 231.

AN ACT to repeal 6.32 (2), (3), (4) (e) and to amend 6.32 (4) (a), (b), (c), (f), (g) and (h) of the statutes, relating to uniformity of selection of election inspectors and clerks.

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

SECTION 1. 6.32 (2), (3) and (4) (e) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. 6.32 (4) (a), (b), (c), (f), (g) and (h) of the statutes are amended to read:

6.32 (4) (a) The mayor of every city, except cities having 100,000 or more inhabitants, shall nominate to the common council thereof, and the president of every village shall nominate to the village board of trustees thereof, *and the chairman of every town shall nominate to the town board* at the first regular meeting of such council and of such *village or town* board in February of each year in which a general election is to be held, and if no such meeting is held, then at a special meeting, which he shall call for such purpose on the last Tuesday of said month, 3 persons for inspectors of election, 2 for clerks of election, and 2 for ballot clerks, in each election district therein.

(b) Such inspectors, clerks and ballot clerks shall be chosen from a list submitted to the mayor of the city, or to the president of the village, *or to the chairman of the town* for that purpose by the regular county, *town, precinct* or city committee of the aforesaid 2 parties. Such list shall be submitted by the chairman from each ward *or town* to the city * * *, county, *town or precinct* committee, and only such persons so selected by the chairman from each ward *or town* shall act as such inspectors, which list shall bear the signature of the chairman and secretary of said county * * *, city, *town or precinct* committee. *In case no such list is submitted to a town chairman he shall nominate to the town board such election officials as he sees fit.*

(c) Such common council or board of trustees *or town board* shall immediately approve or disapprove such nominations. If they disapprove as to any such nominee, the mayor or president *or town chairman* shall immediately nominate another person, qualified as aforesaid, from the list of the 2 committees representing the 2 parties which cast the largest vote in said district in

the last general election, and the mayor or village president or town chairman shall continue to do so until the requisite number shall have been nominated and confirmed at such meeting.

(f) If at any election there shall be a vacancy at the polls caused by the candidacy sickness, or from any other cause, of any election official required to be in attendance at a polling place, such vacancy shall be filled by temporary appointment by the city, town or village clerk of the city, town or village in which the polling place is located, from a list of eligible persons submitted by the county party committee of each of the 2 predominant political parties in the case of villages or towns, and the city party committee in the case of cities. In the event that no such list is submitted, such clerk may appoint any elector in the voting district. Such emergency appointment shall be for the day only.

(g) Within 5 days after the appointment and confirmation of inspectors of election, clerks of election and ballot clerks in cities or villages, the clerk of each city, town or village shall transmit a notice thereof to each such appointee. Such inspectors of election, clerks of election and ballot clerk shall, within 10 days after the mailing of such notice, file with the clerk of such city or village an oath of office substantially in the following form:

I, A. B., of election in the county of do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin and will perform the duties of of election according to law and will studiously endeavor to prevent all fraud and deceit in conducting the same. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of A. D. 19

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And no other or further oath of office shall be required of said officers during the term for which he was elected.

Any person appointed to fill a vacancy on such board of inspectors, ballot clerks or poll clerks, shall before entering upon the duties of his office take and subscribe an oath of office similar in form to the above and any inspector of election who has taken and filed an oath of office may administer said oath. Any inspector having taken and filed the oath of office as above pre-

scribed may administer any oath required by law in conducting registrations or elections.

(h) The council of a city or the village board of a village or the town board of a town may require that all persons named on the list pursuant to paragraph (b) shall establish their ability to read and write the English language, with a general knowledge of election laws. Examinations to determine whether parties named as election officials meet the qualifications may be conducted by the clerk, board of election commissioners or such other officers as the council or village board shall designate.

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CHAPTER 232.

AN ACT to amend 256.17 of the statutes, relating to legal holidays.

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

256.17 of the statutes is amended to read:

256.17 January 1, February 12, February 22, May 30, July 4, October 12 (which shall be known as "Landing Day" in commemoration of the landing of Columbus), November 11, December 25, the day appointed by the governor as Labor Day and by the governor or the President of the United States as a day of public thanksgiving in each year, the day of holding the September primary election, and the day of holding the general election in November, are legal holidays. In every city of the first class the day of holding any municipal election is a legal holiday, and in every such city the afternoon of each day upon which a primary election is held for the nomination of candidates for city offices is a half holiday and in counties containing a city of the first class the county board may by ordinance provide that all county employes shall have a half holiday on the day of such primary election and a holiday on the day of such municipal election, and that employes whose duties require that they work on such days be given equivalent time off on other days. Whenever any of said days shall fall on Sunday the succeeding Monday shall be the legal holiday.

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