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## CHAPTER 293.

AN ACT to amend 5.03 (2), 5.26 (8) (a) and 6.29 (1) of the statutes, relating to the time of holding certain primaries, and the time for distributing official ballots.

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

Section 1. 5.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5.03 (2) Any primary other than the September or a special primary shall be held 4 weeks before the election for which such primary is held.

Section 1m. 5.26 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read: 5.26 (8) (a) Whenever such nomination papers propose 3 or more candidates for members of the county board of supervisors or for any elective town office in towns adopting the primary for elective town officers as provided in section 5.27 (4) and (5) in counties having a population of 250,000 or more, for any judicial office, except the office of police justice or justice of the peace and constable, in any county having a population of 300,000 or more and containing an entire judicial circuit for which more than one circuit judge is provided by law, or propose more than twice as many candidates for any elective town office in any such towns or for members of the board of school directors or the board of education as are to be elected in any city of any such county, or for the office of county superintendent of schools in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, neither of the persons whose name is so presented shall become nominated as a candidate until nominated at a primary election held \* \* \* 4 weeks prior to the first Tuesday in April in the year in which such office is required to be filled by election except as provided by section 5.025.

SECTION 2. 6.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.29 (1) Each county clerk shall send the ballots printed pursuant to his order as provided by law to the proper town, village and city clerks in his county, so as to be received by them at least \* \* \* 10 days previous to the opening of the polls on the day of election. Five per cent of the ballots for each precinct shall be retained by the county clerk and another 5 per cent shall be sent to the clerk in separate packages to enable him to meet applications for ballots from absent voters, pursuant to sections 11.54 and 11.68, and the remainder in separate sealed packages with marks on the outside of each clearly designating the polling place for which they are intended and the number of ballots of each kind enclosed.

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