

1971 Assembly Bill 713

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CHAPTER 242, Laws of 1971

AN ACT to amend 6.50 (2) (a) (intro.), 6.87 (4), 7.08 (2) (a), 7.30 (2) (b), 8.20 (2) (a) and 12.09 (5) (a); and to create 6.40 (1) (c) of the statutes, relating to changing certain election procedure.

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

SECTION 2. 6.40 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

6.40 (1) (c) Name change. Whenever an elector's name is legally changed, including by marriage or divorce, shall transfer his registration to his legal name by appearing in person or mailing to the municipal clerk a signed request for a transfer of registration to such name, stating that this will be his name for at least 10 days prior to the election.

SECTION 3. 6.50 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.50 (2) (a) (intro.) ~~Following~~ Regularly, but no less than once following every presidential election, the clerk shall examine the registration records and cancel the registration of any elector who has not voted within the previous 2 years after mailing a notice to the elector in substantially the following form:

SECTION 4. 6.87 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.87 (4) The elector voting absentee shall either make and subscribe to the affidavit before a person authorized to administer oaths or make and subscribe to the certification before 2 witnesses. The absent elector, in the presence of the administrator of the oath or witnesses, shall mark the ballot in a manner that will not disclose how the ballot is marked. The elector shall then, still in the presence of the administrator of the oath or the 2 witnesses, fold the ballots so each is separate and conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper envelope, but may receive assistance under sub. (5). ~~The unused ballots shall be placed in the envelope for unused ballots and deposited with the voted ballot in the return envelope, which shall then be sealed.~~ The witnesses or the official oath administrator shall not be a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the elector, postage prepaid, or delivered in person, to the municipal clerk issuing the ballot. Failure to return the unused ballot in a primary shall not invalidate the marked ballot.

SECTION 5. 7.08 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.08 (2) (a) As soon as possible after the closing date for filing nomination papers or after the canvass of the primary vote, but no later than the deadlines established in s. 10.06 transmit to each county clerk a certified list of all candidates on file in his office for which electors in that county may vote. The list shall designate the order of arrangement and contain each candidate's name in any combination of initials or ~~familiar and common abbreviations~~ for the first and middle names plus the last name, but no nicknames or abbreviations or titles; his residence and post-office address; the office for which he is a candidate; and, the party or principle he represents, if any in 5 words or less. Names of candidates nominated under s. ~~7.38~~ (3) or 8.35 shall be certified by the secretary of state upon filing of the necessary papers with him. Nothing in this paragraph precludes the use by a female candidate of her maiden name or previous married name as her middle name as well as her complete first name.

SECTION 6. 7.30 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.30 (2) (b) When a vacancy occurs, the appointment shall be filled by the municipal clerk from the remaining names on the submitted lists or from names submitted by the county party committee. If the vacancy is due to the candidacy, sickness or from any other cause, the appointment shall be a temporary appointment and effective only for that election. The same qualifications shall be required, but vacancies may be filled in cases of emergency or because of time limitations by a person from an ~~adjoining another~~ ward or precinct within the election district so the proper balance of party representation is maintained.

SECTION ~~8~~ 8.20 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.20 (2) (a) Nomination is by nomination papers. The nomination paper forms shall contain the candidate's name in any combination of initials or ~~familiar and common abbreviations~~ for the first and middle names plus the last name, but no nicknames or abbreviations or titles; the office for which he is nominated; his residence and post-office address; and the party or principle he represents, if any, in 5 words or less. In the case of candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, the nomination paper forms shall so contain both candidates' names; the office for which each is nominated; the residence and post-office address of each; and the party they represent, if any, in 5 words or less.

SECTION 8. 12.09 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12.09 (5) (a) Any corporation, association, organization, committee, club or group, which in this state advocates, indorses or opposes any political party, faction or group or any candidate for any office, or any constitutional amendment or measures to be voted on by the people, or which through paid advertisements advocates or opposes any governmental action, measure or policy, shall before making any expenditures or receiving contributions for such purposes, file a verified statement giving its name, the name and address of each of its officers, and in general terms the nature of its organization, the sources of its income and the purposes for which it expects to make expenditures or receive contributions. Such statement shall be filed with the ~~secretary of state, if it proposes to make expenditures in more than one county or in advocacy or opposition to any candidate or measure voted upon in or affecting more than one county and in all other cases it shall be filed with the county or local clerk, as the case may be~~ officer with whom nomination papers, declarations or petitions are filed for such election.