

1991 Senate Bill 90

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# 1991 WISCONSIN ACT 143

AN ACT to amend 5.15 (6) (b) of the statutes, relating to: maintenance of voting statistics.

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

**SECTION 1.** 5.15 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5.15 (6) (b) No later than 60 days before each September primary and general election, and no later than 30 days before each other election the governing body of any municipality may by resolution combine 2 or more wards for voting purposes to facilitate using a common polling place. Whenever wards are so combined, the original ward numbers shall continue to be utilized for all official purposes. Except as otherwise authorized under this paragraph, every municipality having a population of ~~35,000~~ 50,000 or more, ~~or 35,000 or more after June 1, 1996,~~ shall maintain separate returns for each ward so combined. In municipalities having a population of less than ~~35,000~~ 50,000, ~~or less than 35,000 after June 1, 1996,~~ the governing body may provide in the resolution that returns shall be maintained only for each group of

combined wards at any election. In municipalities having a population as shown in the ~~1980~~ 1990 federal decennial census of at least 87,000 but not more than 150,000, the governing body may provide in a resolution adopted prior to ~~1992~~ June 1, 1996 that groups of not more than 2 wards shall use common ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines and that returns shall be maintained only for each group of combined wards at any election held prior to ~~1992,~~ but not more than one such resolution may be adopted June 1, 1996. Whenever a governing body provides for common ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines, separate returns shall be maintained for each separate ballot required under ss. ~~5.58 to 5.62~~ and 5.64 at the September primary and general election. A copy of the resolution shall be filed in the same manner as provided in sub. (4) (b). In municipalities having a population of less than ~~35,000~~ 50,000, ~~or less than 35,000 after June 1, 1996,~~ the resolution shall remain in effect for each election until modified or rescinded, or until a new division is made under this section.