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CHAPTER 350.

AN ACT to amend chapter 5, of the revised statutes of Wisconsin, for the year A. D. 1878, entitled, "of electors and general elections."

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 5, of the revised statutes of Wisconsin, 1878, entitled, "of electors and general elections," is hereby amended by adding after section 45, of said chapter 5, the following: Section 45a. Every city in this state having a population of fifty thousand inhabitants or more, according to the last general United States census, shall provide in every ward of such city, voting precincts composed of compact and contiguous territory, and so arranged that no one such precinct shall contain more than four hundred voters or fraction of one hundred in excess thereof, according to the vote cast at the last presidential election. Every such city shall provide each voting precinct with two rooms adjoining each other, of suitable dimensions, one of which shall be known as the inspectors and voting room, and be used exclusively as such during the progress of any election in said city. The other room shall be known as the ticket room, and to be used as such in the manner hereinafter provided, during the progress of any election in said city. All windows shall be so screened as to prevent any person outside from looking into the interior of any such ticket room. Every such voting room shall be provided with a hall or passage way of suitable dimensions into which voters may enter through a door from the ticket room to cast their votes; such hall or passage way may be provided with such barriers or railings as may be deemed necessary to protect the inspectors from annoyance and the voter from molestation while he is voting. In the ticket room shall be kept a suitable table or tables having compartments conveniently arranged, so that the voter, after entering the ticket room may be en-

Amending ch. 5, R. S., and creating section 45a—manner of conducting elections in certain cities.

abled conveniently to select his ballot. Upon such table shall be deposited and kept tickets which may be prepared for the use of voters by any political party. The tickets shall be arranged by the inspectors upon such table or tables, each class or kind being placed and kept in a separate compartment or upon a separate table, and over each class or kind of tickets, in a conspicuous place, shall be posted in three languages, English, German and Polish, the name or title by which the tickets are respectively classified or generally known. Section 45b. Any chairman of a ward committee or other person authorized by the ward committee of each political party to be represented by tickets for that precinct, may deliver to the inspectors of election for such precinct, such tickets as he may wish to have kept in said ticket room for the use of voters, and said tickets shall, as soon as delivered to the inspectors, be by them deposited and arranged upon a table or tables in the proper compartment as hereinbefore provided. Each voter when in said ticket room, shall be at liberty to select from the ballots kept there, such as he may wish, taking one of each kind if he pleases. The names of two persons to act as challengers and the names of two other persons to be custodians of tickets in the ticket room may be presented to the inspectors of election by the chairman or other person authorized by each of the ward committees hereinbefore mentioned, of the ward wherein the precinct is located. One of the persons so named by the committee of each political party as challengers, shall be allowed to remain and act as challengers for the party represented by him, outside the voting room, in such convenient place to be designated by the inspectors, as will allow each such challenger opportunity to see and challenge voters when they offer their votes. The inspectors of election shall have charge and control of the ticket rooms in their respective precincts, and shall permit one of the two persons so named as custodians of tickets, to remain in the ticket room and take charge of tickets for the party which he is appointed to represent, giving no undue advantage to any one of the challengers or custodians of tickets over another. Any one of the challengers or custodians of tickets, while acting as such,

Tickets, how distributed, section 45b, R. S.

Duty of inspectors.

may call his colleague of the same party, who shall be permitted to act in his place during his absence. The persons so selected as custodians of tickets, shall be the only persons permitted to remain in the ticket room other than those as hereinafter prescribed; and they shall not directly or indirectly solicit, request or attempt to influence any voter to vote for any candidate for election while in the discharge of their duties as prescribed by this act, or while inside of the ticket room. If requested by any voter to alter any ticket, the one so requested may make such alterations as the voter requests, and none other. Before any person solicited (selected) as a custodian of tickets shall be permitted to occupy the ticket room he shall take and subscribe an oath in writing, substantially in the following form, to be administered by one of the inspectors, to-wit: State of Wisconsin,

_____ County. } ss.

I _____, being duly sworn on my oath do depose and say that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution and laws of the state of Wisconsin, and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge my duties as one of the custodians of tickets in the ticket room, at this election, so help me God.

Oath of
custodiam

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this _____ day of _____, 18—.

Inspector of election, Precinct No. _____,
in the _____ ward of the city
of _____.

All oaths so taken shall within two days after the close of any election be delivered by the inspectors of election to the clerk of the city where taken, and by him filed and preserved in his office. Every person taking such oath and violating any of its provisions shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as prescribed by law for the punishment of perjury. Only one voter shall be allowed in the voting room at the same time. All voters shall be admitted singly through a door leading from the exterior of the building into the ticket room, where he shall, without delay, procure his ticket, if in want of one, and pass into the voting

Oath so taken
delivered to
city clerk.

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room, where he shall, if qualified, be permitted to vote; and from there he shall, immediately after voting, or being informed by the inspectors that he is not qualified to vote, pass out of the voting room through a door to be provided for that purpose; but shall not in any case be permitted to pass out through the ticket room. As soon as a voter passes into the voting room, another shall immediately be admitted into the ticket room. Two policemen or other peace officers shall be present at each precinct during the continuance of any election, to assist the inspectors in preserving order; and it shall be the duty of one of the policemen or other peace officers, to be designated by the inspectors of election to attend the door through which voters enter the voting room from the ticket room. The other policeman or peace officer shall attend the door through which voters enter the ticket room. Candidates may have their tickets deposited with the inspectors of election at the place of voting, for the use of voters, to be kept in the immediate view and control of the custodians of tickets, who shall protect such tickets from being destroyed or mutilated. The persons selected as hereinbefore provided to act as custodians of tickets in the ticket room shall be paid the fees, and in the same manner, provided by law for payment of clerks of election.

Crowds of persons not to collect or remain within 100 feet of voting room, section 45c.

Section 45c. No crowd or crowds of persons shall be permitted to collect or remain within one hundred feet of the voting room, or ticket room, during the time of holding any election in any such city. Any person who shall solicit votes for any candidate or party, or offer tickets to any person, at any place within one hundred feet of the voting room or ticket room, or who shall wilfully counterfeit, alter, deface, destroy or mutilate, or who shall wilfully carry away with intent to secrete or destroy any of the tickets of any political party, or of any candidate, during the day of election; and any person who shall solicit, request, or in any manner attempt to influence or prevail upon another to vote for any candidate for office, or to vote any ballot or ticket, or who shall solicit, request or attempt to influence another to scratch, change or alter any ballot or ticket, while within the ticket room or the voting room; and any person who shall solicit, request or receive from any

person nominated, or who is a candidate for election to any public office, any money, property, or anything of value, as a consideration for any influence, work or labor performed or to be performed, or services rendered or to be rendered, directly or indirectly, by the person so soliciting, requesting or receiving, from any such nominee or candidate after his nomination, in or about any election, shall, in every such case, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail or house of correction, of the proper county, not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court, together with the costs of prosecution.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall apply to all elections for judicial officers and to all city elections, except special, held in any such city, after this act takes effect; and it shall be the duty of the mayor and chief of police, or other peace officers or authorities of every such city, to provide the necessary police force to fully enforce the provisions of this act, at every election which shall be held after this act takes effect.

Applicable to all elections—except special.

SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts which conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after June 1, 1887.

Approved April 8, 1887.

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CHAPTER 351.

AN ACT to amend the act, entitled, "an act to incorporate the Lisbon-Milwaukee Plank-Road Company," approved February 2, 1846, and the several acts amendatory thereof."

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

SECTION 1. The Madison, Watertown and Milwaukee Plank-Road Company, for the purpose of