

for the enforcement of the provisions of this section and for the punishment of the violation thereof.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force ninety days after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 298.

AN ACT to amend subsection 2 of section 44—6a, subsections 1, 2 and 4 of section 44—8, and subsections 1 and 2 of section 44—9 of the statutes, relating to voting machines.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Subsection 2 of section 44—6a, subsections 1, 2 and 4 of section 44—8, and subsections 1 and 2 of section 44—9 of the statutes, are amended to read: (Section 44—6a) 2. Any voter \* \* \* awaiting his turn to vote, *whether within a polling booth or in a line outside the booth*, at the time of the closing of the polls shall be permitted to vote.

(Section 44—8) 1. Ballots shall be provided by the respective city and county clerks, *except that in cities of the first class ballots shall be provided by the board of election commissioners*, for all the candidates to be voted for at an election and of suitable size to fit the space provided for that purpose on or in the machine, and each shall be placed on or in the machine adjacent to or on the registering or recording device therefor.

2. The ballots shall be placed on or in the machine in the order of arrangement provided by section 38 of the statutes, as amended, except that they may be vertical \* \* \* or horizontal rows. Ballots for all questions must be provided in the same manner and must be arranged on or in the machine in the places provided for such purpose. \* \* \*

4. In all cities of the first class using voting machines, the officer or board charged with the duty of providing ballots shall, and in all other cities using voting machines he may, not less than ten days before each election, provide for each election precinct in which such machine is to be used at least one-half as many sample ballots as the number of votes cast in such precinct at the last preceding general election; said sample ballots to be in the form of a reduced size diagram showing the face of the machine and the names of the candidates, parties and questions thereon, together with such instructions to voters as are required by law. Fifty per cent of such sample ballots shall be on hand at the office of the city clerk or of the board of election commis-

*sioners* for distribution to such voters as shall call therefor, and fifty per cent shall be delivered to the inspectors of election for distribution to such voters as shall call therefor on the last day of registration and on election.

(Section 44—9) 1. *The board of election commissioners in cities of the first class, the common council of every other city, board of trustees of every village, and the town board of every town in which a voting machine is to be used, shall cause the proper ballot to be put on each machine corresponding with the sample ballots herein provided for, and the machines in every way put in order, set, and adjusted, ready for use in voting when delivered at the precinct; and for the purpose of so labeling the machine, putting in order, setting and adjusting the same, they may employ one or more competent persons who shall be known as the voting machine custodians, who shall be paid for the time spent in the discharge of their duties, in the same manner as the inspectors of election are paid.*

2. *The said custodians shall, under the direction of such board of election commissioners or common council, village trustees or town board, cause the machine to be so labeled, in order, set and adjusted, and to be delivered at the voting precinct together with all necessary furniture and appliances that go with the same in the rooms where the election is to be held, at least one hour before the time set for opening the polls on election day.*

SECTION 2. *This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.*

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## CHAPTER 299.

AN ACT to amend section 775a of the statutes, relating to the organization of towns.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 775a of the statutes is amended to read: Section 775a. *Any government township, or any two or more contiguous fractional government townships bordering on any of the Great Lakes, equal in area to at least a government township, situated within a county and being part of any town or towns, which \* \* \* has at least \* \* \* thirty-five resident \* \* \* freeholders or homesteaders, at least twenty \* \* \* of whom are \* \* \* resident electors, and an assessed valuation of at least one hundred thousand dollars according to the last preceding assessment, may be organized into*