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CHAPTER 583.

AN ACT to amend subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 10.44 of the statutes, relating to the recall of city officers by referendum vote.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 10.44 of the statutes are amended to read: (10.44) (1) A petition addressed to the common council of any city demanding the election of a successor to the incumbent of any elective office of such city, containing a * * * *specific* statement of the grounds upon which the removal is sought and signed by electors entitled to vote for such successor equal in number, in cities of the * * * third or fourth class to at least one-third, and in cities of the first or *second* class to at least one-fourth, of the entire vote cast in such city at the last preceding election for all candidates for the office in question may be filed with the * * * *county judge of the county in which such city is located* at any time after the incumbent has held the office six months. But if at the last preceding election any group of candidates were voted for in common to fill two or more offices of the same designation the proportion of signers of such petition shall be computed upon the entire vote cast for all such candidates, divided by the number of such offices filed at said election.

(3) Within ten days next following such filing the * * * *county judge* shall determine by careful examination the sufficiency or insufficiency of such petition and state his finding in a certificate attached thereto. If the petition be found insufficient, the particulars of such insufficiency shall be set forth in the certificate; and the petition may thereupon be amended within ten days next following the making of such certificate, by the addition of signatures or otherwise. If originally, or after amendment, such petition be found sufficient the * * * *county judge* shall so state in his attached certificate and submit the same to the council immediately.

(4) Thereupon the council shall order and fix a date for holding an election not less than forty nor more than fifty days from the date of the * * * *county judge's* final certificate attached to the petition.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved August 18, 1915.