

beginning with the plaintiff, one name at a time until each party has struck * * * nine names. When all strikes have been made a venire shall be issued for the persons whose names remain on said list, arranged in the same order as they appear on the list, to serve as jurors and made returnable on the day fixed for trial. The jury so struck shall be called in the order they appear upon the venire * * * *Each party shall be entitled to two peremptory challenges in open court at the trial which shall be exercised alternately, the plaintiff beginning, and each party may waive one or both such peremptory challenges. The parties to the action shall be deemed two, all plaintiffs being one party and all defendants being the other party, except that in case where two or more defendants have adverse interests, the court, if satisfied that the due protection of their interests so requires, in its discretion, may allow to the defendant or defendants on each side of said adverse interest, not to exceed two such challenges. After those excused as challenged for cause, set aside or excused by the court, shall retire and the remaining jurors shall be less than sixteen in number, unless peremptory challenges are waived sufficiently so that twelve jurors will be left when the peremptory challenges are completed, the clerk shall draw as before from the box three times as many names as shall be sufficient to complete the panel of sixteen, and such names shall be entered at the foot of such panel, and upon the peremptory challenges having been exercised, the first twelve who shall appear and have not been peremptorily challenged or challenged for cause, set aside or excused by the court, shall be the jury.*

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

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CHAPTER 238.

AN ACT to create subsection (3) of section 40.21 of the statutes, relating to the taking of the annual school census.

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

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 40.21 of the

statutes to read: (40.21) (3) The school clerk in any school district may employ some competent person to take such census.

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

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CHAPTER 239.

AN ACT to amend section 11.62 of the statutes, relating to absent voting.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.62 of the statutes is amended to read: 11.62 At any time between the opening and closing of the polls on such election day the inspectors of election of said precinct shall open the outer or carrier envelope only, announce the absent or sick or disabled voter's name and compare the signature upon the application with the signature upon the affidavit on the ballot envelope. In case the inspectors find the affidavits executed, that the signatures correspond, that the applicant is a duly qualified elector of the precinct and that the applicant has not voted in person at said election, they shall open the envelope containing such voter's ballot in such manner as not to deface or destroy the affidavit thereon and take out the ballot or ballots therein contained without unfolding or permitting the same to be unfolded or examined and, *after having* * * * the ballot *indorsed by the ballot clerks* in like manner as other ballots are required to be indorsed, deposit the same in the proper ballot box or boxes and enter the absent or sick or disabled voter's name in the poll book, the same as if he had been present and voted in person. In case such affidavit is found to be insufficient, or that the signatures do not correspond, or that the applicant is not a duly qualified elector in such precinct, or that the ballot is open, or has been opened and resealed, or that the ballot envelope contains more than one ballot of any one kind, or if at a primary the unused portion of the ballot shall not be returned, such vote shall not be accepted or counted. Every ballot not counted shall be indorsed on the back thereof "rejected (giving reason there-