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**CHAPTER 263.**

AN ACT to amend 66.19 (3) of the statutes, relating to civil service in populous towns.

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

66.19 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.19 (3) When any town has established a system of civil service, the ordinance establishing the same shall not be repealed for a period of \* \* 6 years after its enactment, and thereafter it may be repealed only by proceedings under section 10.43 by referendum vote.

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**CHAPTER 264.**

AN ACT to amend 11.55, 11.60, 11.605, 11.61 and 40.07 (2), (4) and (4a) of the statutes, relating to nomination and election of school district officers and providing for a primary.

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

SECTION 1. 11.55 of the statutes is amended to read:

11.55 Any elector, as defined in section 11.54 may, not more than 60 nor less than 3 days, or if application is made in person not later than during the regular office hours of the day, prior to such primary or election, make application for an official ballot either to the county clerk of such county, or to the clerk of his city, village or town, in the case of any state, congressional, or county primary or election, to the clerk of his city, village or town in case of any local primary or election, or to the clerk of any school district or any other municipal or quasi-corporation in case of any such primary or election, *or to the clerk of any school district which elects officers under section 40.07.*

SECTION 2. 11.60 of the statutes is amended to read:

11.60 Upon receipt of such absent or sick or disabled voter's ballot, the county, city, village or town clerk, *or the school district clerk in a district which elects officers under section 40.07, as*

the case may be, shall forthwith inclose the same, unopened, together with the application made by said absent or sick or disabled voter, in a larger or carrier envelope which shall be securely sealed and indorsed with the name and official title of such clerk, and the words, "this envelope contains an absent or sick or disabled voter's ballot and must be opened only at the polls on election day while said polls are open," and such clerk shall thereafter safely keep the same in his office until delivered by him as provided in section 11.61 \* \* \*.

SECTION 3. 11.605 of the statutes is amended to read:

11.605 The county, city, village or town clerk, or the school district clerk in a district which elects officers under section 40.07, as the case may be, shall keep a list of all electors who have made application for an absent voter's ballot or who have voted under the provisions of sections 11.54 to 11.68, with the name and address and date of application of such elector. Such list shall be open to public inspection.

SECTION 4. 11.61 of the statutes is amended to read:

11.61 In case an absent or sick or disabled voter's ballot is received by the county, city, village, school district or town clerk, as the case may be, prior to the delivery of the official ballots to the inspectors of election of the precinct in which said elector resides, such ballot envelope and application, sealed in the carrier envelope, shall be inclosed in such package and therewith delivered to the inspectors of election of such precinct. In case the official ballots for such precinct have been delivered to the inspectors of election at the time of the receipt by the county, city, village, school district or town clerk of such absent or sick or disabled voter's ballot, such official shall immediately inclose said envelope containing such voter's ballot, together with his application therefor, in a larger or carrier envelope which shall be securely sealed and indorsed on the face to the inspectors of election, giving the name or number of precinct, street and number of the polling place, city, village, school district or town in which such voter is a qualified elector and the words "this envelope contains an absent or sick or disabled voter's ballot and must be opened only on election day at the polls while the polls are open," mailing the same, postage prepaid, to such inspectors of election or, if more convenient, such county, city, village, school district or town clerk may deliver such voter's ballot to the inspectors of

election in person or by duly deputized agent. Such clerk or agent shall secure his receipt for delivery of such ballot or ballots. Provided that such delivery of ballots by person shall be made without expense to the county, city, village, *school district* or town, as the case may be.

SECTION 5. 40.07 (2), (4) and (4a) of the statutes are amended to read:

40.07 (2) Except as provided in subsection (8) \* \* \* when a petition, signed by 100 electors in any common school district asking that the district officers be chosen at an election, or asking that a referendum election be had on a specified subject or item of business, shall be filed with the district clerk \* \* \* 30 days prior to the annual meeting *date*, the clerk shall incorporate, in his notice of the annual district meeting, a statement that such election (specifying the business or subject thereof) will be held *and shall within 3 days after filing of such petition publish notice of the filing of such petition in 4 public places in the school district or in a newspaper having general circulation in the district*; and that the polls will be open therefor from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m. of the annual meeting day; except that in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the polls shall be open from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m. on the day of the annual school meeting. Whenever such petition asking that the district officers shall be chosen at an election shall be filed as hereinbefore provided, such election shall be held annually thereafter, unless the annual meeting of the electors shall by resolution determine otherwise. If in such petition or in any separate petition a request is made for more than one polling place, the board shall provide polling places to the number requested, not exceeding the number of election precincts in the district.

(4) The election shall be by ballot, and suitable ballot boxes shall be provided. *The provisions of sections 11.54 to 11.68 shall apply to the operation of this section so far as applicable.* Except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the polls shall be open from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m. The time of opening and closing the polls and the place of holding the election shall be specified in the notice, but a failure to so specify the time and the place shall not invalidate the election.

(4a) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the board may establish such additional polling places for the elec-

tion of board members as it may deem necessary. Whenever practical, such polling places shall be established in the building where the annual school meeting is held. In such counties, the board shall also provide for an official printed ballot for the election of board members upon which shall be printed only the name of each person who files with the district clerk a written declaration of his candidacy at least \* \* \* 20 days prior to the date of such election. \* \* \* *Such primary and regular election ballots shall be so arranged as to admit of any other person being voted for by the elector if he so desires, and if more than 2 candidates have filed for any school district office, the clerk shall have ballots printed and shall within 3 days after the last legal date for filing such candidacy, cause notice to be published as specified in subsection (2) which notice shall state that a primary election will be held at the district polling place 10 days preceding the date of the annual meeting, except if such day should be a legal holiday, the notice of such primary election shall be for the day preceding the holiday. Two copies of the results of the canvass of the vote of such primary election shall be made by the inspectors and signed by them. One copy, together with one registry of voters, shall be sealed in a ballot box to be retained for 60 days by an inspector of the election who was not a candidate, and the other shall be forwarded to the district clerk. The district clerk shall cause ballots to be prepared for the regular election on which shall appear the names of the 2 persons receiving the highest and next to the highest number of votes respectively in the primary.*

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### CHAPTER 265.

AN ACT to amend 70.11 (28) of the statutes, relating to the exemption from taxation of memorial halls and the real estate upon which the same are located.

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

70.11 (28) of the statutes is amended to read:

70.11 (28) All memorial halls and the real estate upon which the same are located, owned and occupied by the Grand Army of