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CHAPTER 518

AN ACT to amend 5.11 (2) and (3) and to create 5.11 (4) of the statutes, relating to preparation of ballots.

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

SECTION 1. 5.11 (2) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

5.11 (2) For the purpose of determining the order in which the names of candidates for each office for whom nomination papers have been filed in the office of the county clerk shall be placed on the primary ballot, the county clerk shall prepare a list of the *towns, villages and cities* and election precincts of his county. *In counties comprising one assembly district or part thereof, such lists shall be prepared by arranging * * * first the various towns of the county in alphabetical order, then the various villages of the county in alphabetical order and last the various cities of the county in alphabetical order. In counties comprising 2 or more assembly districts, such lists shall be prepared by arranging first the various towns of the first assembly district in alphabetical order, then the various villages of the first assembly district in alphabetical order and last the various cities of the first assembly district in alphabetical order. The towns, villages and cities in other assembly districts of the county will be similarly arranged. Under the name of each town, village and city so arranged shall be listed the wards or precincts therein in numerical order. The precincts in each * * * senatorial district within the county shall be arranged in the same manner.*

(3) *If the county comprises one assembly district or part thereof, the county clerk shall arrange the surnames of all candidates for each office for whom nomination papers have been filed in his office alphabetically for the first precinct in the list; thereafter for each succeeding precinct; the name appearing first for each office in the last preceding precinct shall be placed last. If the county comprises 2 or more assembly districts, the county clerk shall arrange the surnames of all candidates for assembly and county offices for whom nomination papers have been filed in his office alphabetically for the first precinct in the first assembly district and shall rotate the names throughout the succeeding precincts as above prescribed. For county-wide candidates, the rotation for the first precinct in the succeeding assembly districts of the county shall follow the rotation of the last precinct in the preceding assembly district. If the county comprises one or more senatorial districts, the county clerk shall arrange the surnames of all candidates for state senate of each senatorial district for whom nomination papers have been filed in his office alpha-*

betically for the first precinct in the list; thereafter for each succeeding precinct, the name appearing first in the last preceding precinct shall be placed last.

SECTION 2. 5.11 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

5.11 (4) (a) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, candidates for the assembly shall be rotated by precinct in accordance with subs. (2) and (3), so far as applicable.

(b) For the purpose of determining the order in which the names of candidates for state senate and county offices, in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, shall be placed upon the primary ballot, the county election commission shall number the assembly districts in each senatorial district and county in the order of their population according to the last preceding published census, beginning with the district having the largest population, which shall be numbered one.

(c) The commission shall arrange the surnames of all candidates for each office alphabetically for the first assembly district; thereafter for each succeeding district, the name appearing first for each office in the last preceding district shall be placed last.

Approved August 2, 1955.
