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CHAPTER 242

AN ACT to amend 6.35 (1) and (2) of the statutes, relating to closing polls.

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

6.35 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

6.35 (1) In all cities of 10,000 inhabitants and over, except in first class cities, not counting inmates of any state penal institution or insane hospital therein situated, the polls at the general election shall be opened at 6 o'clock in the morning and closed at 8 o'clock in the evening, except that in any city of the second or third class the governing body may by ordinance determine that the polls shall be opened not later than 7 o'clock nor earlier than 6 o'clock in the morning and closed not earlier than 7 o'clock nor later than 8 o'clock in the evening. In cities of the first class the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the morning and closed at 8 o'clock in the evening. In cities of the fourth class and in villages the polls at said election shall be opened at 9 o'clock in the morning and closed at 5:30 o'clock in the evening. Any voter awaiting his turn to vote, whether within the polling booth or in the line outside the booth at the time of the closing of the polls, shall be permitted to vote.

(2) In cities of the fourth class and in villages the city council or village board may extend the time during which said polls shall * * * be open to an hour not earlier than 6 o'clock in the morning, nor later than 8 o'clock in the evening. Such change in time fixed for the opening or closing of the polls shall not become effective unless notice thereof shall have been given at least 30 days before the election by publication in a newspaper, if there be one in the town, city or village, once a week for 3 successive weeks, and if there be none, by posting such notice in 3 public places therein. *If the extension has been made by ordinance applicable to all elections, the notice required herein shall be published for the first election to which the extension shall apply.*

Approved July 28, 1959.