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**CHAPTER 308**

AN ACT to amend 40.27 (1), (5) and (8) of the statutes, relating to the method of selecting school board members.

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

40.27 (1), (5) and (8) of the statutes are amended to read:

40.27 (1) When a petition signed by 100 electors *but not less than a number of electors equal to at least 3 per cent of the number of heads of families in the district as enumerated in the last school census* in any common school district asking that the district officers be chosen at an election is filed with the district clerk at least 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 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 \* \* \* stating when the polls will be open on the annual meeting day. Such election shall be held annually thereafter, unless the electors shall by resolution adopted pursuant to a petition requesting a return to the former procedure of electing district officers or a change to another date provided by law, filed as hereinbefore provided, deter-

mine 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.

(5) The school board \* \* \* *may act as inspectors of such election, but may appoint 2 to 4 persons to serve in lieu of board members as inspectors of such election,* and shall appoint 2 clerks who shall make and keep duplicate lists of the electors voting at such election. A plurality shall elect. In counties having a population of 500,000 or more the board may appoint 5 or more persons who shall act as inspectors, clerks and tellers. The inspectors and clerk shall be paid \$3 each; except that in counties having a population of 500,000 or over, they shall be paid \$8 each.

(8) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, common school districts \* \* \*, *union high school districts, unified school districts and joint school districts lying partially in counties having a population of 500,000 or more* may at an election called and held as provided in this section, if a majority of those voting approve, determine to elect \* \* \* *their* officers on either the first Tuesday in April or \* \* \* on \* \* \* *the day of the annual meeting* in July. After such determination such election shall be held annually thereafter on the date so fixed and until the electors determine otherwise. All of the pertinent provisions of this section shall apply to such elections; but if the date of election is fixed for the first Tuesday in April, the hours of opening and closing the polls, the polling places and the officers of election shall be the same as for the village *or city* election held on said day and the election officers shall serve without compensation additional to that provided by the village *or city*. When the school district election is conducted jointly with the village *or city* election pursuant to this subsection and where registration of voters is required for the election of village *or city* officers, the same \* \* \* *requirement* shall also apply to the voting for school district officers and provision \* \* \* *shall* be made for identifying those electors of the municipality qualified to vote on school matters. In such joint elections voting machines may be used. The term of office of *board members or officers* so elected prior to the \* \* \* *annual meeting* in July shall begin \* \* \* *immediately after the annual meeting date* following said election.

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