

No. 778, A.]

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**CHAPTER 308.**

AN ACT to amend section 41, statutes of 1898, relating to printing of ballots for general election.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41, statutes of 1898, is amended to read:  
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(In effect July 1, 1907.)

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**CHAPTER 309.**

AN ACT to authorize cities of the first class to regulate salaries of city officers.

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

**Common council to fix salaries.** SECTION 1. In cities of the first class the common council is hereby authorized and empowered to fix the salaries of all city officials during their term of office. Such salary shall be fixed at the first regular meeting of the common council in the month of January preceding the term of office for which such salary is to be fixed, and shall not be increased or diminished during the term of such office. The salaries of all city officials now in office in any such city shall be and remain as they are until the expiration of their present terms, and thereafter until such salary shall have been fixed and determined as provided for in **this act.**

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**Ballot models; general and city elections.** SECTION 40. The official ballots for general elections and for regular city elections, with the endorsements thereon and the instructions given \* \* \* *thereon*, shall be substantially the annexed forms, *marked respectively A and B*; provided, that ballots for such city elections may be varied as to the titles of the offices to be printed thereon to conform to the law under which each such election is held.

(Ch. 583, 1907.)

**Liquor license question; separate ballot and box.** SECTION 40a. 1. Whenever the question of granting license for the sale of intoxicating liquors, shall be submitted to electors of any town, village or city, the clerk of such town, village or city shall prepare a separate ballot for such question to be so submitted.

2. Every such ballot shall, when the question submitted will permit, contain the words "for—————" (inserting the question to be voted upon) with a blank square directly following, and also the words "against —————" (inserting the question to be voted upon) with a blank square directly following.

3. Every ballot containing a cross or other mark in the blank square following the words "for —————" (the question voted upon being inserted) shall be counted as a vote for the question thus submitted, and every ballot containing a cross or other mark in the blank square following the words "against —————" (the question voted upon being inserted) shall be counted as a vote against such question so submitted.

4. The ballot upon the question so submitted shall be deposited in a separate ballot box in each town, village and election district wherein such question is submitted.

(Ch. 664, 1907.)

**Printer's bidding restricted to city or county, but clerk may reject.** SECTION 41. 1. Except as in this chapter otherwise provided, it shall be the duty of each county clerk and city clerk to provide printed ballots for every election for public officers to be voted for in his county or city, and to cause to be printed in the appropriate ballot the name of every candidate whose name has been duly certified to or filed with him; such county or city clerk shall let to the lowest bidder *within such county or city* the printing of all ballots and shall

keep all proposals for such printing in his office; provided, such accepted bidder file with such clerk a bond in a penal sum of at least twice the sum of the accepted bid, signed by two sureties and conditioned for the faithful performance on the part of the accepted bidder of all the conditions duly imposed on him by such clerk at the time of receiving proposals for such printing *and provided such county or city clerk shall have power to reject all bids if deemed excessive and to contract for such printing outside of such county or city.*

2. Ballots not provided by the respective county or city clerks shall not be cast or counted in any election, except as herein provided.

3. But any voter may write upon his ballot the name of any person for whom he desires to vote for any office, in such place or so designated as to indicate the office, and such vote shall be counted the same as if printed upon the ballot and marked by the voter; and any voter may take with him into the polling place any printed or written memorandum or paper to assist him in marking or preparing his ballot, except as hereinafter otherwise provided.

4. Ballots shall be printed and in possession of the county clerk and city clerk at least four days before election, and in case of a city election the ballots shall be printed and in possession of the city clerk at least two days before election, and subject to inspection by the candidates and their agents. If any mistake be discovered in printing or arrangement it shall be the duty of the clerk to correct the same without delay.

5. In all general elections, including judicial elections, such ballots shall be printed and distributed solely at the expense of the county; in municipal elections, solely at the expense of the municipality.

(Ch. 308, 1907.)

**Voting machines: names shown in presidential elections.**

SECTION 44—3. 1. No machine or machine system shall be approved by the commission unless it be so constructed as to afford every elector a reasonable opportunity to vote for any person for any office or for or against any proposition for whom, or for or against which he is by law entitled to vote and enable him to do this in secrecy; and it must be so constructed as to preclude an elector from voting for any candidate for the same office or upon any question more than once, and from voting for any person for any office for whom he is not by law entitled to vote.