

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 372.

AN ACT to amend sections 5, 12, 13, 18, and 64, and to add two new sections numbered 34a, and 74a, of chapter 288, of the laws of Wisconsin, for the year 1893, entitled, "An act to consolidate and revise the statutes of the state, relating to the general elections, conduct, canvass and returns of the same, and to secure the secrecy and purity of the ballot, and for other purposes."

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, of chapter 288, of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1893, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following words: "Provided, however, that in counties having a population of two hundred thousand or over, according to the last census, the vote for town officers shall be cast at the polling booths in the election districts where the voter resides, in the same manner fixed by law for general elections."

Amendment as to polling place.

SECTION 2. Section 12, of said chapter 288, of the laws of Wisconsin, for the year 1893, is hereby amended so as to read, when so amended, as follows: Section 12. In each year, when a general election is by law required to

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be held, a registry of electors shall be made in each ward or election district of every city and in each ward or election district of every incorporated village, in which by law separate elections are required to be held, which city or village at the last previous census had a population of two thousand or more, and in every town having a population of three thousand or more, according to the last previous census. And until a census shall be so taken, and the population of such city or village determined as herein mentioned, no registry shall be held or taken therein, or in the town connected therewith, as aforesaid. Such registration shall be made in the manner provided by this act. No vote shall be received at any general election in any ward or election district as defined in this section, if the name of the person offering to vote be not on said registry, as completed, except as herein-after provided; but in case any one shall, after the last day for completing such registry and before such election, become a qualified voter of the election district, he shall, upon complying with the provisions of this act, have the same right to vote as if his name had been registered.

**SECTION 3.** Section 13, of said chapter 288, of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1893, is hereby amended so as to read, when so amended, as follows: Section 13. The general law requiring the registration of electors, and making provisions therefor, shall apply to the annual municipal and judicial elections in all cities, villages and towns in which registration is required at general elections by the preceding section, unless the common council of such city, or the board of trustees of such village, or the board of supervisors of such town shall, by ordinance or resolution, otherwise declare and provide; but no such ordinance or resolution shall apply to any such election, to be held within thirty days after the adoption of the same by such common council or trustees,

General law as to registry of electors to apply to municipal and judicial elections.

SECTION 4. Section 18, of said chapter 288, of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1893, is hereby amended so as to read, when so amended, as follows: Section 18. At city, village, town or judicial elections, when registration shall be required as provided in section 12, or at any special election held for the purpose of filling a vacancy in an office which by law is to be filled by a general election, the registration list used at the last preceding general election may be used; and the inspectors of election at each polling place named, on the day of election, shall revise the same by adding thereto the names of such persons as are known to them, or as shall be satisfactorily shown in the manner provided by law, to be entitled to vote at such election, and by striking therefrom the names of such as are known to them to have died or become disqualified since the last preceding registration.

Use of registry lists of the last general election.

SECTION 5. Chapter 288, of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1893, is hereby amended by inserting a section to be known as section 34a, to read as follows: Section 34a. At all elections of town or village officers, in counties having a population of two hundred thousand or over, the same duties are hereby required of town clerks and village clerks as to the printing and distributing of ballots for town and village elections, as are now required of county clerks at general elections and city clerks at municipal elections, by sections 31, 32 and 34 of this act.

Duties required in cities or counties containing 200,000 inhabitants.

SECTION 6. Section 64, of said chapter 288, of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1893, is hereby amended by adding thereto a fourteenth subdivision, to read as follows: 14. Inmates of any national or state home for soldiers in this state, shall be deemed to reside in the town, city, or village in which said home shall be located, and shall be deemed to reside in the election district in which they shall sleep.

Residence of inmates of "Homes" designated.

SECTION 7. Chapter 288, of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1893, is hereby amended by

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inserting an additional section in said chapter, to be numbered "74a," to read as follows: Section 74a. In all counties in this state, having a population of two hundred thousand or more, the town board of any town in such counties, divided into election districts pursuant to law, or a majority of them, together with the town clerk of such town, shall constitute the canvassing board of such town, and it is hereby made the duty of such board to meet at the town hall within twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls at every town election in such town, and then and there publicly canvass all of the statements theretofore delivered to said town clerk by the inspectors of election, as hereinbefore in this act provided, and the said canvass shall be made and completed, and the result thereof ascertained and determined by said canvassing board, and it shall be the duty of said town clerk to forthwith read publicly the names of the persons for whom votes for each office were given, the number of votes so given for each person, and the name of the person declared to be duly elected to each office respectively; and such reading shall be deemed sufficient notice to every person, elected to any office at such meeting, of his election.

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