

No. 418, S.]

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**CHAPTER 594.**

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 386 of the laws of 1903,  
relating to polls.

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

**Counties of 200,000; polls, opening and closing.** SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 386 of the laws of 1903 is amended to read: Section 1. The polls at every election in each county of a population of not less than two hundred thousand inhabitants, shall be opened at six o'clock in the morning, and be closed at \* \* \* eight o'clock in the evening of the same day.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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No. 284, S.]

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**CHAPTER 595.**

AN ACT to amend section 1809 of the statutes, relating to the  
crossing of highways by railroad trains and locomotives, and  
to repeal section 1809a.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1809 of the statutes is amended to read:  
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SECTION 2. Section 1809a of the statutes is hereby repealed.  
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(In effect from and after date of publication.)

manufacturing plant, mill or yard six months' notice, and no removal shall be made except for good cause shown.

(Ch. 265, 1907.)

**Train speed at unguarded municipal crossings.** SECTION 1809. \* \* \* 1. *No railroad company or corporation operating a railroad in this state and whose line of road extends into or through any incorporated city or village, shall run a train or locomotive faster than twelve miles an hour while approaching and within twenty rods of any public traveled grade street crossing in such city or village.*

**Train speed with gates, flagman or alarm.** 2. *Whenever any such railroad company or corporation shall erect, maintain and operate gates at any public traveled grade crossing in any incorporated city or vilalge, or shall maintain a flagman thereat such company or corporation may run a train or locomotive at a speed not to exceed thirty miles an hour while approaching and within twenty rods of and while crossing such public traveled grade crossing, and whenever such railroad company shall maintain and operate an efficient electric alarm bell or signal, properly installed and kept in good working order, at any public traveled grade crossing in any incorporated city or village, such company may run a train or locomotive at a speed of not to exceed twenty miles an hour while approaching, and within twenty rods of, and while crossing, such public grade crossing.*

**Engine bell; municipal regulation.** 3. *No such railroad company or corporation shall run any train or locomotive over any public traveled grade crossing within any incorporated city or village, except wherein gates are erected, maintained and operated, or a flagman is stationed, unless the engine bell shall be rung continuously within twenty rods of and until such crossing shall be reached by such train or locomotive. Provided, that flagmen or gates shall be placed and maintained, or such mechanical safety appliances shall be installed upon such street crossings in incorporated villages and cities over which trains pass as the public authorities of any such city or village may direct.*

**Bell and whistle outside municipal limits.** 4. *No such railroad company or corporation shall run any train or locomo-*

*tive over any public traveled grade highway crossing, outside of the limits of any incorporated city or village, unless the whistle shall be blown eighty rods from such crossing and the engine bell rung continuously from thence until such crossing be reached by such train or locomotive.*

**Signs at crossings.** 5. *Every such railroad company or corporation shall erect and maintain at all times at every place where its railroad track crosses a public highway or street and near such crossing a large sign board with the following inscription, painted in large letters on each side: "Look out for the Cars," in such manner as to be visible on the highway track at least a hundred feet distant on each side of such crossing.*

**Actions for injury or death: negligence.** 6. In any action brought by any person or his legal representatives against a railroad company or corporation operating a railroad in this state, to recover for personal injuries or death, if it appear that the injury or death in question was caused by the negligent omission of a railroad company or any such corporation to comply with the requirements of Section 1809, the fact that the person injured or killed was guilty of slight want of ordinary care contributing to the injury or death shall not bar a recovery.

(Ch. 595, 1907.)

**Repeal.** SECTION 1809a of the statutes is hereby repealed.

(Ch. 595, 1907.)

**Railroad telegraph operators: required age and experience.** SECTION 1809j. 1. It shall be unlawful for any common carrier by railroad, carrying freight or passengers between points within this state, to employ any telegraph operator, except an assistant under an experienced operator, who shall not have attained the age of eighteen years and who shall not have had actual experience as a telegraph operator, or who shall not have had at least six months' actual experience under the tutorship of an experienced railroad telegraph operator, or who shall not have been graduated from a school of telegraphy having at least a six months' course.

**Penalty.** 2. Any common carrier by railroad or any of its officers or agents who shall violate the provisions of this act