

No. 178, S.]

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CHAPTER 141.

AN ACT to amend subsection 2 of section 49, section 872, and subsection 2 of section 925—24 of the statutes, relating to the opening and closing of polls at primaries and elections.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection 2 of section 49, section 872, and subsection 2 of section 925—24 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 49) 2. Providing that in cities having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants and in towns and villages the electors thereof may, by petition, directed to the city council, town or village board, extend the time during which said polls shall remain open to an hour not earlier than six o'clock in the morning, nor later than eight o'clock in the evening. Such petition shall be signed by at least twenty voters of such city, town or village and filed with the clerk thereof not less than twenty nor more than ninety days prior to the holding of the September primary or any regular election. The time fixed in said petition for the opening or closing of the polls shall become effective from and after the date of the filing thereof. *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.*

Section 872. Every village election shall be held at a place designated by the village board, and the polls thereof shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at five-thirty o'clock in the evening; provided, that the time may be extended by petition in the manner provided by section 49 of the statutes, such petition to be filed with the village clerk not less than twenty nor more than ninety days prior to the date of such election. *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.*

(Section 925—24) 2. The polls at such election, except in cities having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants, shall be opened at six o'clock in the morning and closed at eight o'clock in the evening. In cities having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants said polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the morning and closed at five-thirty o'clock in the evening; provided, that such time for the opening and closing of polls in such cities may be extended as provided in subsection 2 of section 49 of the statutes. *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.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 142.

AN ACT to amend section 44—6 of the statutes, relating to the number of voting machines in the booths, duties of inspectors, and time allowed for voting.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 44—6 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 44—6. More than one voting machine may be used in any one polling place. The room in which the election is held shall have a railing separating that part of the room to be occupied by the election officers from that part of the room occupied by the voting machine or machines. The exterior of the voting machine and every part of the polling place shall be in plain view of the inspectors. The machine shall be so placed that no person on the opposite side of the railing can see or determine how the voter casts his vote, and that no person can so see or determine from the outside of the room. After the opening of the polls the inspectors shall not allow any person to pass within the railing to that part of the room where the machine is situated, except for the purpose of voting and except as provided in the next succeeding section of this act; * * * *and they shall permit only one voter at a time for each machine to be in such part of the room.* They shall not themselves remain or permit any person to remain in any position that would permit him or them to see or ascertain how the voter votes or how he has voted. * * * *Each voter shall be allowed a reasonable time in which to vote, such time to be determined by a majority of the inspectors in the booth, having regard to the size of the ballot and the number of voters in line ready to vote, but in no case shall such time be less than one minute. If a voter refuses to leave the voting machine after being notified by one of the inspectors that such time has expired, he shall at once be removed by the inspectors.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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