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**CHAPTER 174.**

AN ACT to amend subsection 2 of section 94w—1 of the statutes, relating to election of United States senators.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 2 of section 94w—1 of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 94w—1) 2. The names of all persons nominated for the office of United States senator shall be printed on the ballot provided in subsection 1 of section 38 in substantially the manner and form indicated in the annexed form "A" provided in subdivision (a) of subsection 17 of section 38, \* \* \* *All provisions of the statutes relating to the preparation, printing, distribution, voting, counting and returning of ballots used at general elections for state and county offices shall, as far as applicable and not inconsistent herewith, apply to the election of United States senators.*

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

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**CHAPTER 175.**

AN ACT to amend section 34 of the statutes, relating to declination of nominees, filling of vacancies, and votes for dead nominees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 34. Any person nominated to office may decline and annul the same by delivering to the officer with whom his certificate of nomination or nomination paper is filed, \* \* \* *not less than seven days before election in case of town, village or city officers, and nine days in other cases, a declination in writing signed by him and acknowledged before some officer authorized to take acknowledgements. Upon such declination or the death of a nominee the vacancy or any vacancy caused by the insufficiency of certificates of nomination or nomination papers may be filled in the same manner as original nominations, or in case the candidate is the nominee of a political party, by the committee representing the party, the chairman and secretary of which in such case shall make and deliver to the proper officer for fil-*

ing a certificate, duly signed, certified and sworn to, as required in case of original certificates, setting \* \* \* *forth* the cause of the vacancy, name of new nominee, office for which nominated, and such other information as is required in case of original certificates. This certificate must be filed \* \* \* *six* days before election \* \* \* in case of *town, village or city* offices, \* \* \* *and eight days in other cases*, and when so filed shall have the effect of an original certificate. *In case the candidate is a nonpartisan nominee, the vacancy shall be filled by the personal campaign committee of the candidate, who shall make and file a certificate in the manner above prescribed. If the candidate had no personal campaign committee, such vacancy shall be filled by the supervisors of the town, trustees of the village, council of the city, or board of supervisors of the county, as the case may be, and such board shall make and file a certificate as herein provided.* If such declination, death or the permanent removal of a nominee take place after the ballots are printed and before election, the proper chairman of the \* \* \* *committee above authorized to fill vacancies* may make a nomination to fill the vacancy and provide the election boards with pasters containing the name of such nominee only, which shall be pasted upon each of the official ballots by the ballot clerks, before signing their initials thereon and delivering them to voters. If the nominee die after the ballots are printed, and no nomination shall be made as herein provided, the votes cast for him shall be counted and returned, and if he shall receive a plurality the vacancy shall be filled as in case of vacancies occurring by death after election.

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

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## CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT to amend subsections 1 and 2 of section 16 of the statutes, relating to size of election districts.

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

SECTION 1 Subsections 1 and 2 of section 16 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 16) 1. Election districts as established may be divided into two or more districts in towns when the supervisors shall deem it for the convenience of the voters, and shall be divided when fifty or more electors thereof