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CHAPTER 470.

AN ACT to amend 40.07 (2), (4) and (4a) of the statutes, relating to the election of officers of common school districts.

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

40.07 (2) (4) and (4a) of the statutes are amended to read:

40.07 (2) Except as provided in subsection (8) * * * when a petition, signed by 100 electors in any common school district asking that the district officers be chosen at an election, or asking that a referendum election be had on a specified subject or item of business, shall be filed with the district clerk 15 days prior to the annual meeting, the clerk shall incorporate, in his notice of the annual district meeting, a statement that such election (specifying the business or subject thereof) will be held; and that the polls will be open therefor from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m. of the annual meeting day; except that in counties having a population of * * * 500,000 or more, the polls shall be open from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m. and except that in counties having a population of 40,000 or more and less than 500,000, the polls may be open from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m., on the day of the annual school meeting. Whenever such petition asking that the district officers shall be chosen at an election shall be filed as hereinbefore provided, such election shall be held annually thereafter, unless the annual meeting of the electors shall by resolution determine otherwise. If in such petition or in any separate petition a request is made for more than one polling place, the board shall provide polling places to the number requested, not exceeding the number of election precincts in the district.

(4) The election shall be by ballot, and suitable ballot boxes shall be provided. Except in counties having a population of * * * 500,000 or more, the polls shall be open from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m., and except that in counties having a population of 40,000 or more and less than 500,000, the polls may be open from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m. The time of opening and closing the polls and the place of holding the election shall be specified in the notice, but a failure to so specify the time and the place shall not invalidate the election.

(4a) In counties having a population of * * * 40,000 or more, the board may establish such additional polling places for

the election of board members as it may deem necessary. Whenever practical, such polling places shall be established in the building where the annual school meeting is held. In such counties, the board shall also provide for an official printed ballot for the election of board members upon which shall be printed only the name of each person who files with the district clerk a written declaration of his candidacy at least 15 days prior to the date of such election. Said ballot, however, shall be so arranged as to admit of any other person being voted for by the elector if he so desires.

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CHAPTER 471.

AN ACT to create 66.525 of the statutes, authorizing any town or school district to establish, finance and maintain a department of public recreation, independently or jointly.

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

66.525 of the statutes is created to read:

66.525 RECREATION AUTHORITY. (1) (a) Funds for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a department of recreation may be appropriated by the governing body of any town or school district or such funds must be appropriated following a favorable referendum conducted at any regular or special election.

(b) The governing body of any town or school district may, upon its own initiative, order such a referendum and shall order such a referendum upon written petition signed by not less than 15 per cent of the total electors whose votes were cast for the office of governor at the last regular election of such town or school district.

(c) The petition for a referendum shall state the amount of money to be appropriated from the general fund or the amount of money to be raised by a mill tax for the purpose of establishing, operating, and maintaining such a recreation department.

(d) Following a favorable mill tax referendum, the mill tax necessary to raise the required amount to establish, maintain and