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CHAPTER 587

AN ACT to amend 11.70 (5); to repeal and recreate 11.70 (1); and to create 11.70 (6) of the statutes, relating to absent voting by members of the armed forces.

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

SECTION 1. 11.70 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

11.70 (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section "military elector" means:

- (a) Members of the armed forces of the United States;
- (b) Members of the merchant marine of the United States;
- (c) Civilian employes of the United States serving outside the territorial limits of the several states of the United States and the District of Columbia;
- (d) Civilians serving outside the territorial limits of the several states of the United States and the District of Columbia who are officially attached to and serving with the armed forces;
- (e) Spouses and dependents of members of the above categories who are residing with or accompanying such members when living outside the territorial limits of the several states of the United States and the District of Columbia.

SECTION 2. 11.70 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.70 (5) The ballot shall be marked and returned as provided in ss. 11.54 to 11.58 except that the affidavit required by s. 11.58 shall also

contain a statement of the date of the elector's birth, and a statement that he has not returned another ballot. Such affidavit may be executed before a commissioned or warrant officer, or any member of the merchant marine designated for this purpose by the secretary of commerce, or any civilian official empowered by state law to administer oaths. The failure to return the unused ballots of a primary election shall not invalidate the marked ballot. No envelope, return envelope or explanatory note shall contain the name of any person who is a candidate at the election to which the enclosed ballot pertains.

SECTION 3. 11.70 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

11.70 (6) EXTENSION OF VOTING PRIVILEGES. The provisions of this section shall be extended to apply to military electors who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces or who have terminated their services or employment, for a period of 6 months from date of discharge or termination of service or employment. This extension of time does not apply to spouses and dependents of military electors.

Approved August 18, 1955.
