

CHAPTER 417

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 6.10 (1) and (2) of the statutes, relating to election notices including notices of referenda.

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

6.10 (1) and (2) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

6.10 (1) (a) The notices of the secretary of state and county clerk of the general election, except the notice of election of electors for president and vice president, shall be combined with the primary election notice and shall be published in accordance with s. 5.04 (1) and (2). In years in which a president and vice president are to be elected, the secretary of state shall give notice of the election of electors for president and vice president to county clerks not later than the last Friday of September.

(b) Whenever a constitutional amendment or other question is submitted to the electors of the state at a spring election, except amendments to sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of article IV of the constitution, the secretary of state shall give at least 25 days' notice to county clerks. Whenever a constitutional amendment or other question is submitted to the electors of the state at a general election, including amendments to sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of article IV, the secretary of state shall give notice to county clerks not later than the last Friday of September. The secretary of state shall include the full text of any constitutional amendment or other question to be submitted and append to each a brief statement, prepared by the attorney general, of the change that will be made in the constitution or the law if such amendment or question so submitted shall be ratified or approved by the people. Such statement shall contain no arguments for or against such amendment or other question submitted. Every constitutional amendment which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall be effective as of the date of the certificate of the board of state canvassers showing the results of the vote cast for such constitutional amendment.

(2) Such notices shall be published in the official state paper once each week for 3 successive weeks prior to the election at which the constitutional amendment or question is submitted.

Approved August 21, 1961.
