

1977 Assembly Bill 792

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AN ACT to amend 7.53 (2); and to create 7.53 (2) (b) of the statutes, relating to the composition of municipal boards of canvassers for municipal elections.

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

SECTION 1. 7.53 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.53 (2) MUNICIPALITIES WITH 2 OR MORE WARDS. ~~The (a) Unless the municipality otherwise elects under par. (b), the municipal board of canvassers in municipal elections shall be composed of the municipal governing body in every municipality comprised of 2 or more election wards.~~

(c) The municipal board of canvassers shall canvass publicly the returns of every local election. The canvass shall begin within 24 hours after the polls close. When annual elections are held, the results shall be declared on or before the 2nd Tuesday of April in each year. In cities of the 1st class more than 500,000 population, the board of election commissioners shall perform ~~these duties~~ the canvass.

SECTION 2. 7.53 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

7.53 (2) (b) Except for cities of more than 500,000 population, any municipality with 2 or more wards may provide by ordinance for establishment of a separate board of canvassers for the municipality. Under this ordinance, the municipality may designate the number, qualifications, method of selection and terms of office of members of the board of canvassers.
