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CHAPTER 2.

AN ACT relating to primary elections and amendatory of section 12 of chapter 451 of the laws of 1903.

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

Conduct of primaries; manner of voting. SECTION 1. Sub-section 1 of section 12 of chapter 451 of the laws of 1903 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 12. The provisions of chapter 5 of the statutes of 1898 as amended by chapter 432 of the laws of 1905 as hereinafter amended shall be applicable to the conduct of primaries where not otherwise provided. Section 1, of chapter 432, of the laws of 1905, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 1. Sub-section 1 of section 47 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The mayor of every city shall nominate to the common council thereof, at their first regular meeting in February of each year in which a general election is to be held, and if no such meeting is held, then at a special meeting, which he shall call for such purpose on the last Tuesday of said month, three persons for inspectors of election, two for clerks of election, and two for ballot clerks, in each election district therein.

The president of every village shall nominate to the board of trustees thereof, at their first regular meeting in February of each year in which a general or other election is to be held, under the provisions of this title, and if no such meeting is held, then at a special meeting, which he shall call for that purpose on the last Tuesday of said month, three persons for inspectors of election, two for clerks of election, and two for ballot clerks, in each election district therein.

Each of the persons so nominated shall be an elector in the district for which appointed; be able to read and write the English language understandingly, and shall not be a candidate to be voted for at such election, and not more than two of such inspectors, nor one of said clerks of election or ballot clerks so nominated, shall be of the same political party, but all such officers shall be chosen from the two parties which cast the largest vote in such district at the last preceding gen-

eral election. The party which cast the largest vote being entitled to two inspectors, one clerk and one ballot clerk, and the party receiving the next largest vote shall be entitled to one inspector, one clerk and one ballot clerk. The basis in each case shall be the vote of the party for the presidential elector receiving the largest vote at the last preceding presidential election, and such inspectors, clerks and ballot clerks shall be chosen from a list submitted to the mayor of the city, or to the president of the village, for that purpose by the regular county committee or city committee of the aforesaid two parties. Such list shall be submitted by the chairman from each ward to the city or county committee, and only such persons so selected by the chairman from each ward shall act as such inspectors, which list shall bear the signature of the chairman and secretary of said county or city committee. Such common council or board of trustees shall immediately approve or disapprove such nominations. If they disapprove as to any such nominee, the mayor or president shall immediately nominate another person, qualified as aforesaid, from the list of the two committees representing the two parties which cast the largest vote in said district in the last general election, and the mayor or village president shall continue to do so until the requisite number have been nominated and confirmed at such meeting. The persons so appointed inspectors, clerks, and ballot clerks, in cities, shall hold their offices for two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, and shall act as such officers at every primary, general, municipal and special election following their appointment held within their respective districts, during such term. The persons so appointed in villages shall hold their offices until their successors are appointed and qualified and shall act at every election held under this title within their respective districts. Such inspectors shall fill any vacancy in their number, or in the number of such clerks by persons qualified as aforesaid, and may, appoint one of their number as chairman.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved December 19, 1905.