

the same may be found for the purpose of inspection, and shall have received a written acknowledgment of said notice, signed by such city sealer or superintendent of weights and measures.

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

Approved May 6, 1912.

No. 12, S.]

[Published May 8, 1912.

## CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT to amend section 1, subsections 1 and 4 of section 4, sections 9, 10, 12, 17, subsection 2 of section 20 of chapter 391 of the laws of 1911, relative to the appointment of election commissioners and subordinate election officials, and the conduct of elections and registration of qualified voters in cities of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants, and providing a penalty.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1, subsections 1 and 4 of section 4, sections 9, 10, 12, 17, subsection 2 of section 20 of chapter 391 of the laws of 1911 are amended to read:

(Laws of 1911, Chapter 391.) Section 1. There is created a board of election commissioners for each city having more than one hundred thousand inhabitants, composed of three members, who shall be appointed as follows: The mayor of each said city shall appoint three members for terms of one, two, and three years, respectively, dating from July 1st, in the year in which they are appointed, and until their successors are commissioned and qualified. Successors shall be appointed in like manner and their terms of office shall be three years in all cases and until their successors are commissioned and qualified. The board shall be composed of one member from each of the three dominant political parties, as shown by the returns of the last preceding general election, and appointments shall be made in accordance with this rule. The party affiliation in each case shall be attested by the respective chairmen of the city committees, of the several political parties before such appointment shall be in force. The board shall choose its own chairman. In case of vacancy for any cause in said board, the same shall be filled by the appointment of the mayor for the unexpired term. Such commissioners shall be legal voters, and residents of the state for at least five years, and of the city for a like period of time. They shall hold

no other public office, *the office of notary public excepted*, and shall be ineligible to any other elective or appointive public office while members of such board, and shall, before entering upon the duties of election commissioners subscribe to an oath binding them to support the constitution of the United States and of the State of Wisconsin, and to conduct themselves faithfully and impartially in office; said oath of office to be filed in the office of the city clerk.

(Section 4.) 1. Such board of election commissioners shall, on the first day of September of the year in which they are appointed, and on the same date biennially thereafter, appoint three qualified voters as inspectors of election for each precinct in said cities. They shall be citizens of the United States; shall be men of good repute and character; able to read and write the English language; be of good understanding and capable. They must have resided in the \* \* \* *ward* for which they are selected to act not less than one year prior to their appointment, and be entitled to vote therein at the next election, and not hold any other public office or employment, *notary public excepted*, and shall not be candidates for any public office while acting as such inspectors of election.

4. Said inspectors and ballot clerks shall be appointed as provided in the preceding sections for terms of two years. Said inspectors shall, during said term, serve as inspectors at all elections in such cities, but said ballot clerks only \* \* \* *when paper ballots are used*.

Section 9. In preparation for the work of the several boards of registry, the secretary of the board of election commissioners shall, ninety days prior to \* \* \* *the first election to be held after the passage of this act* in cities governed by the provisions of this act, prepare a supply of registration cards, and have them distributed through the agency of the police department to every known male voter, whose name appears on the last printed list of the registry held in such cities; also to every presumptive male voter or known prospective male voter of such cities; and *ninety days prior to all subsequent elections to be held, like cards shall be distributed as in this section provided, to voters not on the first registry list, and shall be collected and listed, and registry lists shall be printed and posted in the manner hereinafter provided*. Registration of women voters shall be made only in the years when school matters enter into an election.

Section 10. Registration cards shall be printed in the form of a request to the voter to properly fill in the spaces provided for information for registration purposes, and notice shall be

given thereon that, if necessary, the blanks may be filled in by some other person, except that in the space provided for the signature, the voter himself must sign his name or make his mark. The cards shall provide headings for the following entries to be made by applicants for registration:

1. Date
2. Ward
3. Precinct
4. Name
5. Residence
6. Exact location, "flat No. —," "upper flat," "room No. —," "hall-room," "room on second floor," "basement," "rear house," or other equally definite designation of location.  
\* \* \*
7. Age.
8. Sex.  
\* \* \*
9. *Are you a citizen of the United States?*
10. *Have you lived for one year or more in state?*
11. *Have you lived for ten days or more in this precinct?*
12. *If foreign born, have you your "first papers?"*
13. *Did you take out your first papers before December 1, 1908? Questions 12 and 13 to be omitted from such registration card blanks after the first day of December, 1912.*
14. *Autograph.*

Such cards shall also be furnished by the city clerk to any person applying for them either in person or by mail.

Section 12. Under the direction of the board of election commissioners, an official registry for each precinct shall be commenced, compiled from all cards so received, which indicate that the signers thereof are legal voters. Such official registry shall contain in book form \* \* \* *the names and addresses of all persons shown to be legal voters by the returns made on such cards.* The names of voters shall be arranged in numerical order of houses located on each street separately, commencing with the lowest and ending with the highest number within the precinct. The street shall be arranged in geographical order from east to west and north to south.

Section 17. Each member of said boards of registry shall make the entries in one of these books, setting down the name and address of every additional voter accepted at such meetings \* \* \* and showing therein any corrections of the preliminary registry found to be necessary at such meetings. At the close of each meeting said members, acting in concert, shall compare

each register so kept with the other two, correcting any differences found, and making the same agree in all respects; and each said member shall then sign a certificate to be attached at the end of each register, in substantially the following form:

We, the undersigned inspectors of election in the ——— precinct of the ——— ward of the city of ———, in the State of Wisconsin, do jointly and severally certify that at the registration of electors in said election precinct, held on the ——— day of ———, 19——, there were registered by us in said election precinct the names which in this book are entered, and that the total number of registered and qualified voters in said precinct was and is the number of ———.

Dated ———

(Section 20.) 2. Six copies of such precinct registry lists shall be furnished to each inspector for each primary and final election, of which two shall be used as check lists and in lieu of poll lists, at the primary and at the final election. To this end two inspectors at each precinct at each election shall write after the name of each voter, the serial number of his vote as the same is polled, and shall hand to each voter suitable certification slips, numbered serially, to be furnished by the board of election commissioners for this purpose. A special blank column shall be provided on the final printed registry lists for this purpose, also a form of certificate setting forth that each list is a true and complete combined check and poll list of the respective precincts, which form shall be filled in and signed by the three inspectors of election in each precinct; such combined check and poll lists, duly verified, to be returned as provided by law.

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

Approved May 6, 1912.

No. 8. S.]

[Published May 8, 1912.

## CHAPTER 17.

AN ACT to amend subsection 3 of section 1596 of the statutes, relating to penalties for constructing or maintaining dams, bridges or other obstructions in or over navigable waters.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Subsection 3 of section 1596 of the statutes is amended to read: (1596) 3. Any person, firm, association of individuals, or corporation violating any of the provisions of