

No. 212, S.]

[Published March 23, 1893.

CHAPTER 44.

AN ACT to amend chapter 379, of the laws of 1891, relating to the manner of conducting elections to secure the purity and secrecy of the ballot.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31, of chapter 379, of the laws of 1891, entitled "An act relating to the manner of conducting elections to secure the purity and secrecy of the ballot," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 31. Voting districts or precincts shall be composed of compact or contiguous territory, and so arranged that no such voting district or precinct shall contain more than five hundred voters or fraction of one hundred in excess thereof, according to the vote cast at the last general election, and if after any election to be held, it shall appear that more than six hundred votes were cast at such voting district or precinct, it shall be the duty of the officers now charged by law with the division or alteration of voting districts or precincts, four months prior to the first succeeding general election, to redivide the ward, town or other territory in which such voting precinct may be located, in the manner by law provided for dividing wards or towns into voting precincts. If such officers shall fail to make such redivision within said time, any voter of such city or town may upon petition apply to the circuit court of the county, or to the presiding judge of said court, in which such city or town is located, for an order commanding said officers to redivide said ward or town, according to the provisions of this act, within a reasonable time to be fixed by the court or judge in the order, and if such officers shall refuse, fail or neglect to comply with the provisions of such order, they shall be adjudged guilty of contempt as any other case of disobedience of lawful orders, and punished as provided in chapter 150, of the Revised Statutes of Wisconsin. If for any

Amends sec. 31, ch. 379, laws of 1891.

Voting precincts, how composed and divided.

Redivision of, when more than six hundred votes cast.

Judicial
elections.

cause no voting precinct shall be redivided as required hereby, the election shall not be invalidated by being held at the precincts previously established where the last preceding election was held. All elections for justices of the supreme court, circuit judges, county judges or municipal judges in any town divided into two or more election precincts, shall be held at each precinct or voting place in said town; and at the opening of the polls two additional ballot clerks for the same shall be chosen *viva voce* by the electors there present. All ballots cast at any judicial election in any town or precinct in this state shall be prepared and distributed at the public expense, according to the provisions of law, and shall be separate from the ballot for town officers and deposited in a separate box. The votes cast and received for such judicial officers in such town or precinct shall be counted, canvassed, certified and returned in and from each precinct in the same manner in all respects as in towns consisting of only one election precinct or voting place.

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

Approved March 20, 1893.

No. 119, S.]

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CHAPTER 45.

AN ACT to amend sections 4 and 5, of chapter 357, of the laws of 1883, relating to the appointment of a register in probate for Fond du Lac county.

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

Amends sec. 4,
ch. 357, laws of
1883.

Salary of reg-
ister in
probate.

SECTION 1. Section 4, of chapter 357, of the laws of 1883, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 4. Such register in probate shall receive a salary out of the county treasury of Fond du Lac county in a sum to be fixed by