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CHAPTER 620.

AN ACT to repeal sections 49, 796 and 872, and subsection 3, of section 11—12, of the statutes, and chapter 386, laws of 1903, as amended by chapter 594, laws of 1907, and to create three new sections of the statutes to be designated sections 49, 796 and 872, and a new subsection of section 11—12 of the statutes to be designated subsection 3, and to amend section 925—24 of the statutes, relating to the opening and closing of polls at the September primary and at general and municipal elections.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 49, 796, 872, and subsection 3, of section 11—12, of the statutes, and chapter 386, laws of 1903, as amended by chapter 594, laws of 1907, are repealed.

SECTION 2. There are added to the statutes three new sections to read: Section 49. 1. In all cities of five thousand inhabitants and over, the polls at the general election shall be opened at six o'clock in the morning and closed at eight o'clock in the evening. In all other cities and in towns and villages the polls at said election shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at five thirty o'clock in the evening.

2. Providing that in cities having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants and in towns and villages the electors thereof may, by petition, directed to the city council, town or village board, extend the time during which said polls shall remain open to an hour not earlier than six o'clock in the morning, nor later than eight o'clock in the evening. Such petition shall be signed by at least twenty voters of such city, town or village and filed with the clerk thereof not less than twenty nor more than ninety days prior to the holding of the September primary. The time fixed in said petition for the opening or closing of the polls shall become effective from and after the date of the filing thereof.

Section 796. The polls at town elections shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at five thirty o'clock in the evening; provided, that the time may be extended by petition in the manner provided by section 49 of the statutes, such petition to be filed with the town clerk not less than twenty nor more than ninety days prior to the date of the town election.

Section 872. Every village election shall be held at a place designated by the village board, and the polls thereof shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at five thirty

o'clock in the evening; provided, that the time may be extended by petition in the manner provided by section 49 of the statutes, such petition to be filed with the village clerk not less than twenty nor more than ninety days prior to the date of such election.

SECTION 3. There is added to section 11—12 of the statutes a new subsection to read: (Section 11—12) 3. In all cities having a population of five thousand inhabitants and over, the polls at the September primary shall be opened at six o'clock in the morning and closed at eight o'clock in the evening. In all other cities and in towns and villages said polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at five thirty o'clock in the evening. Provided, that in cities having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants and in towns and villages the time may be extended as provided in section 49 of the statutes.

SECTION 4. Section 925—24 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 925—24. 1. The annual *or biennial* municipal election in all cities shall be held on the first Tuesday in April at such place or places as the city council shall designate; provided, that in cities of the fourth class the city council by ordinance duly adopted by a three-fourths vote of all the members elect, may fix as the time of holding such election the first Tuesday in March.

2. The polls at such election, *except in cities having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants*, shall be opened at six o'clock * * * *in the morning* and closed at * * * *eight o'clock * * * in the evening*. *In cities having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants said polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the morning and closed at five thirty o'clock in the evening.*

3. Ten days' previous notice of the time and place of such election and of the officers to be elected shall be given by the city clerk by publication in the official city paper and by posting written or printed notices in three public places in the city; but the failure to give such notice shall not invalidate such election. In all other respects such election shall be conducted as prescribed by chapter 5, except that no registration of voters shall be required unless provided for by ordinance.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from after its passage and publication.

Approved July 8, 1911.