

is hereby authorized and it is made their duty to levy and collect a tax upon all property, real and personal, in the said city subject to taxation, in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are levied and collected, which shall be sufficient to pay the interest on all school bonds outstanding, issued under the provisions of this act, and to pay such part of the principal of such school bonds so issued as becomes due and payable during the next fiscal year. The amount of such school bonds outstanding at any one time shall not be greater than one per cent of the total assessed valuation of all property, real and personal, in the said city subject to taxation, and the tax levied to pay the interest on and the principal of the said school bonds shall be in addition to the tax levied for general purposes upon all the taxable property of said city.

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

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## CHAPTER 5.

AN ACT to amend sections 1, 2, subsection 3 of section 4, subsection 2 of section 5, subsections 3 and 4 of section 6, sections 7, 9 and 10 of chapter 391, laws of 1911 as amended by chapter 16, laws of 1912; to repeal sections 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 22 to 33, inclusive, of the same; and to create eighteen new sections to be numbered 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 22 to 33 of the same chapter, relating to registration and elections 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. Sections 1, 2, subsection 3 of section 4, subsection 2 of section 5, subsections 3 and 4 of section 6, section 7 of chapter 391, laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 16, laws of 1912 are amended to read: Section 1. There is created a board of election commissioners for each city having more than one hundred thousand inhabitants, *however incorporated*, 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 \* \* \* 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 2. *1. Said board of election commissioners shall have power to employ a secretary, who shall prepare and furnish copies of all registrations and all books, maps, instructions and blanks for the use and guidance of inspectors of election and ballot clerks and all rules and regulations pertaining to registration and conduct of elections, and who shall perform such other and further duties pertaining to their department or to the city clerk's office as may be required of him by the board of election commissioners, and he shall receive such salary as the common council may determine. The appointment and removal of such secretary shall be subject to the civil service laws of this state applicable to such cities.*

*2. The board may procure a seal with which to authenticate official papers and documents.*

*3. The board of election commissioners is authorized to employ such additional clerical assistants as shall be necessary from time to time, who shall receive such compensation as the common council shall determine.*

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*4. The city shall furnish office room in the city hall for said commissioners and all expenses incurred by the board under this act shall be paid out of the city treasury, and the common council shall provide a sufficient fund for such commission in the budget as they deem necessary for the purposes provided by law. The expenses incurred by said board shall be paid upon the or-*

ders of said board, signed by the chairman and secretary, and countersigned by the city comptroller. Such orders shall be made payable to the order of the persons in whose favor they shall have been issued, and shall be the vouchers for the city treasurer for the payment of such orders.

(Section 4.) 3. Before entering upon the duties of their offices, each inspector and ballot clerk so appointed shall subscribe to a like oath to that taken by the election commissioners, which shall be filed \* \* \* with \* \* \* the board of election commissioners and which shall be for the faithful performance of their duties during their entire term of office, and no further oath shall be required of them.

(Section 5.) 2. On the day and at the hour named for the beginning of such session, the election commissioners shall meet at their office and consider the objections made to the appointment of any such provisional appointee. \* \* \* The commissioners may examine under oath any person appearing before them. They shall decide each case as soon as the evidence therein is before them, and announce their decision immediately, announcing also the dissent of any commissioner, if the decision of the board is not unanimous. A minute shall be made of any such decision, setting forth all objections made against any provisional appointee and the findings of the majority thereon, and of the dissenting member thereon, if there be any dissent. If all objections to such provisional appointees are not concluded on said day the commissioners shall sit from day to day, between the same hours and at the same place, until all such objections are disposed of.

(Section 6.) 3. (a) Not later than ten days succeeding the publication of said list, and after they have been duly notified of their appointment, the appointees shall file their oath of office with the board of election commissioners \* \* \*, and the board of election commissioners shall thereupon cause to be issued to each appointee a suitable certificate of his official character and standing.

(b) Every person appointed as an election officer, failing to take and subscribe the oath of office as hereinbefore prescribed or who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to discharge the duties which he was appointed to perform, shall, in addition to other penalties prescribed by law, be liable to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, to be sued for and recovered by the board making the appointment, in a court of record, for the use and benefit of the treasury of such city.

4. For the purpose of filling vacancies which may exist and of verifying or correcting addresses in the list of election in-

spectors and ballot clerks, the board of election commissioners shall, ninety days previous to every election succeeding the election first following the appointment of a new list of election officials under this act, cause a careful canvass of the list to be made through the agency of the police department, *and it shall be the duty of the police department to make careful and correct returns of such canvass to said board.*

Section 7. (a) Service as inspector of election or ballot clerk under this act shall be mandatory upon all qualified voters so appointed, during a full period of two years, after which they shall be exempt from further service under this act until three terms of two years each, shall have elapsed; the election commissioners being charged with discretion and authority in cases of request for exemption from service as such election officers at any time.

(b) *Any employer of labor who refuses to allow an employee to serve as election inspector or ballot clerk, or makes any threats or offers any inducements of any kind to such employee for the purpose of preventing such employee from serving as such inspector or clerk, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail or house of correction not exceeding nine months, or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars and costs of prosecution.*

SECTION 2. Sections 9 and 10 of chapter 391, laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 16, laws of 1912, are amended to read: Section 9. 1. \* \* \* 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.

2. Registration of women voters shall be made only in the years when school matters enter into an election, *and shall then be made in following manner: Any woman who is entitled to vote may register at the office of the board of election commissioners within ninety days prior to, and before the last Saturday preceding a primary or an election day, by filing with said board, or by filing upon election or primary day with the inspectors of*

*election at the booth where such woman is entitled to vote, a properly filled out registration card such as is provided for in this act, but said board shall not be required to distribute such cards to women voters except upon application therefor. All the provisions of this act in regard to registration of male voters and to including their names in the registry books and in the registry lists shall apply to the registration of women voters so far as the same are not inconsistent with this section; provided, however, that the names of women voters shall be placed upon the registry lists in separate columns under the heading "Women Voters" in alphabetic order.*

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:

\* \* \* Date.  
 \* \* \* Ward.  
 \* \* \* Precinct.  
 \* \* \* Name.  
 \* \* \* Residence.  
 \* \* \* Exact location, such as "flat No. . . . .," "upper flat," "room No. . . . .," "hall-room," "room on second floor," "basement," "rear house," or other equally definite designation of location.

\* \* \*  
 \* \* \*  
 \* \* \* Are you a citizen of the United States?  
 \* \* \* Have you lived *in the state* for one year or more  
 \* \* \* ?  
 \* \* \* Have you lived for ten days or more in this precinct?

\* \* \*  
 \* \* \*  
 \* \* \*

*Are you for any reason excluded from the right of suffrage?  
 Signature.*

Such cards shall also be furnished by the \* \* \* secretary of election commissioners to any person applying for them either in person or by mail.

SECTION 3. Sections 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22 to 33, inclusive,

of chapter 391, laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 16, laws of 1912, are repealed.

SECTION 4. There are added to chapter 391, laws of 1911, eighteen new sections to be numbered and to read: Section 8. The board of election commissioners shall have full charge and control of the registration of voters within the city for which such board is appointed, and registration shall be made as hereinafter provided.

Section 15. The board of election commissioners shall revise and correct the first registry as prepared by them; first, by striking therefrom the name of any person known by them to have died or removed from the district where he is registered, or who shall be proved, by the oath of two electors of the district, to be not entitled to vote therein at the next ensuing election or primary election, unless such person shall appear, and, if challenged, shall make affidavit stating his name and the period of his continuous residence in the election district, and his place of residence therein, giving the number and the street of the affiant; and in case he is of foreign birth stating when he came to the United States and to this state, and the time and place when he became a citizen of the United States, and that he is entitled to vote at the election; second, by entering on the proper list for any district the name of every elector entitled to vote in that district at the next election, who shall file a registration card such as is hereinbefore provided for, properly filled in and sworn to before said secretary. In every case of a name stricken from the registry, the reason therefor shall be stated in writing on the list opposite the name so stricken. Applications for corrections of said registry lists, or for adding thereto the names of voters, may be made at the office of the board of election commissioners during the hours such office shall be open for business from the time of publication of the preliminary lists and until the last Tuesday preceding a primary or an election. Subsequent to said Tuesday, and prior to the last Saturday preceding a primary or an election day, the board shall receive applications for registration, and shall certify to the election inspectors in the proper precincts the names of those entitled to registration received too late to be included in the registration lists, and such persons shall be considered as duly registered, and all applications for registration made to said board shall be submitted by them to the chief of police for verification of the statements contained therein.

Section 16. 1. Any person who is not twenty-one years of age before the date when the registry is required to be corrected, but who will be if he lives until the day of election, shall have

his name put on such registry if he be otherwise qualified to be an elector.

2. All registration cards shall be preserved by the several boards of registry and filed in the office of the board of election commissioners.

3. Every person registered under this act shall be subject to the same punishment for any false statement or other offense in respect thereto, as is provided in case of false statement or other offense by an elector offering to vote at an election.

Section 17. (a) After such registry lists shall have been fully completed as herein provided, no votes shall be received at any election in such cities if the name of the person offering to vote be not on the registry lists as completed, except as provided in sections 9 and 15 of this act, and as hereinafter provided in this section. Any person who has not previously filed a registration card, and whose name is not on the registry list, but who is a qualified voter in the precinct where he offers to vote, shall, nevertheless be entitled to vote at such election, provided he shall deliver to the inspectors of election a registry card properly filled out and sworn to by himself, or if he cannot obtain such a card, an affidavit containing the same statements as provided on said cards; and provided that his oath or affidavit is substantiated by the affidavit of two freeholders, electors in such precinct, corroborating all the material statements therein. The board of election commissioners shall provide a sufficient number of registration cards, with the required affidavit forms printed thereon, and shall distribute them to the election inspectors at the booths, and the inspectors shall deliver at least one such card to each voter making application therefor. No compensation shall be paid or received for taking or certifying any affidavit required by this section. No one freeholder shall be competent to make at any one election corroborating affidavits for more than five voters. All such affidavits shall be sworn to before some officer authorized by the law of this state to administer oaths.

(b) The inspectors shall return to the board of election commissioners all registration cards filed with them, and said board shall include in the subsequent registry lists the names of the persons who file such cards, provided such persons are then entitled to be placed on the registry list.

(c) At judicial elections, in cities governed by the provisions of this act, when registration shall be required as provided in this act or at any special election held for the purpose of filling a vacancy in an office which by law is to be filled by a city election, the registration list used at the last preceding general or

city election may be used; and the inspectors of election at each polling place, on the day of election, shall revise the same by adding thereto the missing names of such persons as are known to them, or as shall be satisfactorily shown in the manner provided by law, to be entitled to vote at such election, and by striking therefrom the names of such as are known to them to have died or become disqualified since the last preceding registration.

Section 18. 1. Upon the expiration of the time prescribed for the revision and correction of the preliminary registry lists the board of election commissioners shall forthwith cause to be printed therefrom, for use at the primary election and at the final election, respectively, not to exceed one hundred copies of such complete and corrected registries of each precinct, and through the agency of the police department, shall cause twenty-five copies thereof to be conspicuously posted in separate places in each precinct.

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 20. Any voter may make objection before the board of election commissioners to the registration of any person. The election commissioners shall sit for the purpose of hearing such objections on the Wednesday of the first week prior to said election and primary election between the hours of nine A. M. and twelve M., and between two P. M. and five P. M., and if all such objections be not then determined it shall sit during the same hours of the next day. Such objectors shall appear in person before the commissioners on said day or days; they may be further examined by the commissioners under oath and further testimony may be taken in the premises. All cases shall be heard and decided summarily. If the board shall believe any person so objected to is entitled to registration, his name shall remain



upon the registry; otherwise his name shall be removed, and the inspectors of the proper precinct notified immediately of such action. Minutes shall be kept of all objections made and action taken at such meetings.

Section 22. Any person not regularly appointed by the board of election commissioners, but who shall duly serve as inspector or ballot clerk at any election because appointed to fill vacancy at the polling place, shall be exempt from jury service for six months thereafter.

Section 23. The board of election commissioners shall have power and authority to provide election booths, to fix and determine the places at which all elections within such city shall be held, and to fix and determine the boundaries of election districts or precincts within the limits prescribed by law, and the location of the voting booths therein, and shall have the custody of and control over all voting booths and voting machines, and the common council and the various departments of the city shall cooperate with the board to furnish available space and men and means for the storage of booths and machines, and for setting up and transporting the same, and said board may arrange with any officer, ward or department having charge of any public buildings, for the use of school buildings and other public buildings for voting purposes. Said board of election commissioners shall perform such duties and have such authority as have been heretofore required by law to be performed by, or has been vested in the board of canvassers for city primaries, the common council or the city clerk in relation to the conduct of and control over elections within such city, except as otherwise provided in this act.

Section 24. The board of election commissioners may provide that the official voting machines may be used for the purpose of voting on all candidates and questions at any election or primary, whether or not the names of such candidates or questions are required by law to be placed upon separate ballots; provided, that where the law requires the names of candidates or questions to be placed upon separate ballots, such names and questions shall be placed in separate columns upon the voting machines, and the machines shall be so arranged that a separate vote can be cast for such candidates and questions.

Section 25. The board of election commissioners shall be the board of canvassers of the primary election returns for such city, and shall perform all the duties in regard to the canvass of votes for city officers and upon city questions that are required by law to be performed by any city officers or the chairmen of party committees except such as are required by law to be

performed by the election inspectors, and shall issue certificates of nomination and election to such persons as the canvass shall show are entitled to the same.

Section 26. The commissioners of election shall receive such salaries as the common council of each city shall determine.

Section 27. The inspectors and ballot clerks shall receive the same compensation provided in section 94h of the statutes, and any amendments now or hereafter made thereto.

Section 28. The act of a majority of such board of election commissioners shall be considered as the act of said board of election commissioners.

Section 29. It is hereby made the duty of the commissioners of election, in each city to which this act applies, to furnish printed instructions to inspectors and ballot clerks, defining their duties and the law governing elections, and said commissioners of election are hereby empowered and required to have general supervision of all elections under this act and to see that such elections are conducted according to law. Any of such inspectors and ballot clerks failing to perform such duties prescribed as aforesaid shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than thirty days.

Section 30. The said commissioners of election appointed by the mayor may be removed upon proof of official misconduct or negligence, and said commissioners may appeal to the common council within ten days after removal, and the common council may conduct a hearing by a committee in such manner as may be determined by it, and report the same to the common council, who shall determine the question on such appeal.

Section 31. It shall be the duty of all officers and departments of cities governed by the provisions of this act to cooperate with the board of election commissioners so as to carry out the provisions of this section.

Section 32. This act shall be liberally construed so that its purpose may not be defeated by any informality, or failure to comply with the several provisions in respect to either the giving of notices or the conduct of the registrations or keeping within the exact periods of time stipulated herein.

Section 33. Any public officer who shall wilfully fail or neglect to perform any duty imposed upon him by the provisions of this act, or knowingly make any false certificate in respect to such duty, or to any matter to which he may be required by law to officially certify, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding nine months, or by fine of not more than five hundred dollars and the costs of prosecution.

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

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## CHAPTER 6.

AN ACT to amend subsection (12) of section 20.84 of the statutes, relating to the distribution of Wisconsin blue books.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (12) of section 20.84 of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 20.84.) (12) Of the Wisconsin blue book, one copy to each state officer other than member of the legislature, to each member, \* \* \* officer, *employe* of the next succeeding legislature, and *employe of the state capitol*, to each charitable, penal and reformatory institution, each judge, clerk and district attorney of the United States courts within the state, each senator and representative in congress and each member-elect as such, the state dairyman's association, the academy of sciences, arts, and letters, each newspaper applying therefor whose name is listed therein, and the home office of the Wisconsin Humane society; ten copies each to the state library, university library, university law library, and the state historical society; one copy each to each other public library, school, academy, and college applying therefor; to the adjutant general for the use of the national guard, fifty copies; to the county clerk of each county enough copies to enable him to deliver one copy to the following officers in his county: the judge and clerk of each court of record, the county clerk, district attorney, county superintendent of schools, chairman of the county board, and clerk of each city; and to each member of the legislature two hundred and fifty copies, to be delivered to himself, and to each officer of the legislature, fifty copies to be delivered to himself, and to each *employe of the legislature one copy.*

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

Approved March 11, 1913.