

resolution adopted by a majority of the members of said corporation at an annual meeting may vote to insure in other towns, villages and cities of the county in which said corporation is located, and also in cities and villages of counties adjoining the county in which such corporation was first organized; and no such corporation shall insure any property other than dwellings, barns, stables and sheds, and the contents of such buildings, except as may be provided in the constitution or by-laws. But in no case shall the amount insured exceed two thousand dollars on any one risk.

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

Approved April 24, 1897.

No. 338, S.]

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CHAPTER 337.

AN ACT to amend sections 15, 16, 26, 27, 31 and 32, of chapter 288, of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1893, entitled, "An act to consolidate and revise the statutes of the state, relating to general elections, the conduct, canvass and returns of the same, and to secure the secrecy and purity of the ballot, and for other purposes."

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

Inspectors to
take oath.

SECTION 1. Section 15, of said chapter 288, of the laws of 1893, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 15. The said inspec-

tors, before doing any business, shall severally take and subscribe the oath of inspectors at a general election, and shall, at their first meeting, make a registry of all the electors of their respective districts, placing thereon the full names, alphabetically arranged according to surnames, in one column, and in another the residence by number and name of street, or other location if known. If any elector's residence is at any hotel or public boarding house, the name of the hotel or boarding house shall be stated in the registry. They shall put thereon the names of all persons residing in their election district, appearing on the poll lists kept at the last preceding general and municipal elections, and are authorized to take therefor such poll list from the office where kept, omitting therefrom the names of such as have died or removed from the district, and adding the names of all other persons known to them to be electors in such district. In case of the formation of a new election district, since the last preceding general election, the said board therein may make such registry from the best means at their command, and may, if necessary, procure therefor certified copies of the last poll lists. They shall complete such registry, as far as practicable, at their first meeting, and shall make four copies thereof and certify the original and each copy to be a true list of the electors in their district, so far as the same are known to them; and one of said copies shall be immediately posted in a conspicuous place in the room in which their meeting was held, and be accessible to any elector for examination or making copies thereof, and one copy shall be retained by each inspector for revision and correction, at the second meeting. They shall, within two days after such first meeting, file the original registry made by them, and said poll lists, in the office of the proper town, city or village clerk, and shall cause twenty-five printed

Registry of
electors.

Registry in
new election
districts.

Copies of reg-
istry to be
made.

Registry to be
filed.

copies of said registry to be made and posted in twenty-five of the most public places in said election district, at an expense not exceeding one cent for each name.

Second meet-
ing.

SECTION 2. Section 16, of said chapter 288, laws of 1893, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 16. The inspectors shall hold their second meeting at the same place designated for holding elections, on the Tuesday one week preceding the election. They shall meet at nine o'clock in the forenoon and hold their meeting open until eight o'clock in the evening. They shall revise and correct the registry. First, by erasing the name of any person who shall be proved to their satisfaction, by the oath of two electors of the district, to be not entitled to vote therein at the next ensuing election, unless such person shall appear, and, if challenged, shall answer the questions, and take the oath, hereinafter provided. Secondly, by entering thereon the name of every elector entitled to vote in the district at the next election, who shall appear before the board and require it, and state his place of residence, giving street and number, if numbered, or location, as hereinbefore provided, and if challenged, answer the questions, and take the oath provided in case of a challenge at an election; but if any such person shall refuse to answer all such questions, or to take such oath, his name shall not be registered. Any person who is not twenty-one years of age, before the date when the registry is required to be corrected, but 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. Any elector who did not vote at the previous general election, shall be entitled to be registered, either at the preliminary or final registration of electors, by appearing before the board of registration of his election district, and establishing his right to be registered, or instead of a personal appearance, he may make his application to be

Revision of
registry.

Registry of
minor.

Electors not
previously
voting may be
registered.

registered to the board in writing. Such application shall state the name and period of continuous residence in the election district, and place of residence therein, giving the number and street of the applicant, and in case the person making the application is of foreign birth, he shall state when he came to the United States, and to the state of Wisconsin, and the time and place of declaring his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and that he is entitled to vote at the election. Upon receiving such application, the board of registration shall register the name of such applicant, if it appears to the board that the applicant is by his statement entitled to vote. Such statement shall be preserved by the board, and be filed in the office of the proper town, village or city clerk. Every person named in this section, shall be subject to the same punishment for any false statement, or other offense, in respect thereto, as provided in case of such false statement, or other offense, by an elector offering to vote at an election. After such registry shall have been fully completed on the days above mentioned, no name shall be added thereto by any person or upon any pretext, except as hereinafter provided. Within three days after the second meeting, the said board shall cause at least six copies of the registry to be made or printed, each of which shall be certified by them to be a correct registry of the electors of their district, one of which shall be kept by each inspector for use on election day, and two shall be forthwith filed in the office of the proper town, city or village clerk. All registries shall at all times be open to the public inspection, at the offices where deposited, without charge. Within three days after completing the registry, the inspectors shall give notice by posting copies in five or more public places in each ward or election district in such city, village or town,

Penalty for
false state-
ment.

County clerk to
cause notice to
be published,
in what news-
papers.

SECTION 3. Section 26, of said chapter 288, of the laws of 1893, is hereby amended by striking out the words "all the," in the twenty-fourth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in not more than two;" and by striking out the words "and once in such weekly newspapers," in the twenty-fifth line of said section; and also by striking out the words "in the ordinary news columns," in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth lines of said section; so that said section when so amended shall read as follows. Section 26. At least seven days before an election to fill any public office, the county clerk of each county shall cause to be published in two newspapers, and in counties where no daily paper is published, the county clerk may cause the same to be published in not to exceed two additional papers, if there be so many published within the county, the nominations to office certified to him under the provisions of this act. One of such publications shall be made in a newspaper which advocates the principles of the political party that at the last preceding election cast the largest number of votes, and the other publication shall be made in a newspaper which advocates the principles of the political party that at the last preceding election cast the next largest number of votes. The county clerk shall make such publications daily in such counties where daily newspapers are published; but if there be no daily newspaper published within the county, one publication shall be sufficient. In case of a municipal election, such publication shall be made by the clerk thereof, two times in not more than two newspapers published daily in such city, as he shall deem necessary to give the electors proper information. Such publication shall be made in type not larger than long primer, nor smaller than minion. One of such publications in each newspaper shall be upon the last day upon which such newspaper is issued before election. In addition to the publi-

cation required to be made by this section, so much of the following section as relates to information to voters may be published in such papers as are printed in foreign languages, fairly translated into such language, with illustrative examples as to the proper manner of marking a ballot, as in the judgment of the clerk may be proper and necessary.

Foreign language.

SECTION 4. Section 31, of said chapter 288, of the laws of 1893, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "act," in the tenth line of said section the following words: "and such county or city clerk shall let to the lowest bidder the printing of all ballots, and shall file and keep all proposals for such printing in his office, providing such accepted bidder file with such clerk a bond in the penal sum of at least twice the sum of the accepted bid, signed by two sureties and conditioned for the faithful performance on the part of the accepted bidder of all the conditions duly imposed on such bidder by such clerk at the time of receiving proposals for such printing; so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 31. Except as in this act otherwise provided, it shall be the duty of the county clerk of each county, and of the city clerk of each city, to provide printed ballots for every election for public officers to be voted for in such county or city, and to cause to be printed in the appropriate ballot, the name of every candidate whose name has been certified to or filed with the county or city clerk, as provided in this act; and in any county containing a city of the first class such county or city clerk shall let to the lowest bidder the printing of all ballots and shall keep all proposals for such printing in his office, provided, such accepted bidder file with such clerk a bond in a penal sum of at least twice the sum of the accepted bid, signed by two sureties and conditioned for the faithful performance on the part of the accepted bidder of all the conditions duly imposed on such bidder by such clerk at the time of receiving pro-

City and county clerk to provide ballots.

posals for such printing. Ballots not provided by the respective county or city clerks, according to this act, shall not be cast or counted in any election, except as herein provided. But any voter may write upon his ballot the name of any person for whom he desires to vote, for any office, in such place, or so designated as to indicate the office, and such vote shall be counted the same as if printed upon the ballot, and marked by the voter, and any voter may take with him into the polling place any printed or written memorandum or paper to assist him in marking or preparing his ballot, except as hereinafter otherwise provided. Ballots shall be printed and in possession of the county clerk and city clerk, at least four days before election, and in case of a municipal election, the ballots shall be printed and in possession of the city clerk at least two days before election, and subject to inspection by the candidates and their agents. If any mistakes be discovered, in printing or arrangement, it shall be the duty of the clerk to correct the same without delay. In all general elections, including judicial elections, such ballots shall be printed and distributed solely at the expense of the county; in municipal elections, solely at the expense of the municipality.

Ballots subject to inspection.

Mistakes may be corrected.

Number of ballots to be printed; sample ballots; to whom delivered.

SECTION 5. Section 32, of said chapter 288, of the laws of 1893, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "printed" and before the word "by" in the first line of said section, the words "in the manner hereinbefore provided," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 32. There shall be printed, in the manner hereinbefore provided, by the county clerk of each county, and the city clerk of each city, one hundred ballots for every fifty or fraction of fifty votes, cast at any preceding election in the district. The county or city clerk shall, at the time of ordering official ballots to be printed, cause unofficial sample ballots to be printed upon tinted or col-

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ored paper, and in the same form as the official ballot, and delivered to the chairman of any political committee in the county or city, as the case may be, upon the request for such ballots by such committee, to an amount not exceeding one-tenth of the official ballots for each precinct in the county or city. Such request must be made before the printing of the official ballots, and they shall be paid for in the same manner that official ballots are paid for, without additional charge for composition. A committee may, at its own expense, order a larger supply of sample ballots than is required by this section. All ballots ordered printed by the county clerk of each county, and the city clerk of each city, as provided for in the preceding section, shall be printed at the cost of their respective counties, or cities, as ordered.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 24, 1897.

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CHAPTER 338.

AN ACT relative to the licensing of plumbers and the supervision of the business of plumbing.

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

SECTION 1. No person, firm or corporation engaged in or working at the business of plumbing, in cities of the first, second and third class, shall hereafter engage in or work at said

Plumber's
license.