

2. *Any adult persons owning land within the district proposed by the original petition, or within the district as changed or enlarged by either the first or the second report of the commissioners may, at any time file in court a request to be joined as petitioners, and the court may, by order, permit such persons to be joined as petitioners with like force and effect as if they had signed the original petition; and thereafter such owners, so brought in, shall be counted as original petitioners for all purposes. The original petition and any other petition filed may be signed by the owner or by any agent authorized in writing to sign said owner's name.*

3. If said proposed work, as in the petition described, is not best suited to carry out the purposes of the petition, the commissioners shall consider and base their report upon the one best suited to carry out these purposes, and propose to the court the one by them considered.

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

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CHAPTER 435.

AN ACT to amend subsection 2 of section 44—8, subsection 12 of section 69, and section 77, and creating section 4545a, of the statutes, relating to the use of voting machines, registration of electors and canvass and return of votes at elections, and providing punishment for violation of election laws.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 2 of section 44—8 of the statutes is amended to read: 2. The ballots shall be placed on or in the machine in the order of arrangement provided by section * * * 38 of the statutes * * * as amended, except that they may be vertical columns or horizontal rows. Ballots for all questions must be provided in the same manner and must be arranged on or in the machine in the places provided for such purpose. *Voting machines shall be prepared and in place in the voting booths on the last registration day and on one other day preceding election day, in charge of the inspectors or other competent persons, who shall instruct the voters how to operate the same.*

SECTION 2. Subsection 12 of section 69 of the statutes is amended to read: Twelfth. If an unmarried person sleeps

in one ward and boards in another, the place where he sleeps shall be considered his residence. *Any registered voter who shall remove from one precinct to another between the last registration day and election day shall, upon presentation of affidavits from the inspectors of the precinct from which he removes, showing registration in such precinct, be considered a resident of the precinct to which he has moved and shall be entitled to vote therein.*

SECTION 3. Section 77 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 77. The canvass being completed, the inspectors shall then publicly announce the result thereof, specifying the whole number of votes cast for each office and each person to fill the same respectively, and for and against each proposition voted for, and immediately draw up a statement in writing thereof in duplicate, setting forth therein, in words at length and in figures, the whole number of votes given for each office at such election, the names of all persons for whom votes were given as shown upon the ballots, the number of votes so given for each person, and the number of votes given for and against each proposition voted for, if any, at such election, *and the number of the last voter as shown by the poll list*, which statements they shall certify to be correct, and subscribe with their names.

SECTION 4. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 4545a. Any election officer who shall be convicted of any violation of the election laws, shall, in addition to the punishment otherwise provided by law, be disqualified to act as an election official for a term of five years from the time of said conviction.

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

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CHAPTER 436.

AN ACT to amend section 990—5 of the statutes, relating to civil service in the state of Wisconsin and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 990—5 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 990—5. 1. The commission shall be provided with suitable office accommodations in the capitol building at