

Directors' Nominations.		Independent Nominations.	
(John Doe, farmer, Madison, Wis.)	Vote here.	(Richard Roe, banker, Milwaukee, Wis.)	Vote here.

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3. *Provided that this section shall not apply to any election of trustees where no nomination other than that of the trustees' nomination shall have been made.*

4. *And provided further that no vote shall be valid or counted by the inspectors if the same shall have been cast for any person other than one suggested as a candidate in the certificate or certificates of nomination filed with the commissioner of insurance.*

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

Approved April 21, 1909.

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### CHAPTER 59.

AN ACT to create sections 1409a—1 to 1409a—4 of the statutes, relating to the prevention of inflammation of the eyes and blindness of the new born babe, or so called ophthalmia neonatorum.

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

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes four new sections to read: Section 1409a—1. The state board of health and vital statistics is vested with power and authority to publish and distribute among the physicians, midwives, nurses, or other persons requiring such information, instructions relating to inflammation in the eyes of new born babes, and proper methods of prevention. The board is hereby empowered to make and enforce such rules and regulations as it may deem expedient to prevent the development of inflammation of the eyes of the new born babe, or so called ophthalmia neonatorum.

Section 1409a—2. 1. It shall be the duty of the attending physician, midwife, nurse or other person in attendance on a confinement case, to use such prophylactic treatment for the prevention of blindness among new born children, as the state board of health and vital statistics in its rules and regulations may determine are necessary. Should one or both eyes of an infant become inflamed, swollen and red, and show an unnatural discharge at any time within two weeks after its birth, the nurse, parents, or other attendant having charge of such infant shall report in writing, within six hours thereafter, to the board of health of the city, incorporated village, or town in which the parents of the infant reside, the fact that such inflammation, swelling, redness, or unnatural discharge exists.

2. On receipt of such report the health officer shall inform the attending physician of the conditions complained of, or if there is no physician in attendance the health officer shall then employ at the expense of the town, incorporated village, or city a competent physician to examine the case reported and the physician shall provide proper treatment or such as recommended in the rules and regulations adopted by the state board of health and vital statistics.

3. The health officer shall immediately upon the receipt of the written report herein provided for, if no physician was in charge, notify the parents or person having charge of said infant, of the dangers to the eye, or eyes of said infant, and he shall also enclose to the parents, or person having charge of the child, directions for the proper treatment thereof.

Section 1409a—3. Any woman accustomed to attend confinement cases shall be subject to the same penalty for violation as physicians or nurses.

Section 1409a—4. Any person who violates, neglects, or refuses to observe the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for each offense.

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

Approved April 21, 1909.