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CHAPTER 469.

AN ACT to amend 6.44 (2) of the statutes, relating to absentee voting by soldiers.

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

6.44 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.44 (2) Every qualified elector who has failed to register as provided by law may at any time after the close of registration deliver to the clerk of the municipality, or his authorized deputy, his affidavit in which he shall state that he is a resident of the election precinct in which he offers to vote, naming the same, that he is entitled to vote therein, that he has resided in said election precinct 10 days next preceding said election, giving the street and number of his residence, that he is a citizen of the United States, that he is 21 years of age, and that he has resided in the state one year next preceding said election. In cities of the first class said affidavit shall be delivered to the duly authorized representative of the election commission. Said affidavit shall be substantiated by the affidavit of 2 freeholders, electors in such precinct, corroborating all the material statements therein. Such affidavits of freeholders and electors shall be signed in the presence of the city clerk or election commission or duly authorized representative thereof.

No compensation shall be paid or received for taking or certifying any such affidavit. No one freeholder shall be competent to make at any one election, corroborating affidavits for more than 5 voters. All such affidavits shall be sworn to before some officer authorized by the laws of this state to administer oaths. *No such absent qualified elector serving in time of war with any of the armed forces of the United States or any of the women's auxiliary military services established by act of congress, shall be required to furnish such an affidavit. Such person's name shall be listed upon the registry list specified in subsection (1) (b) under a heading to be entitled "non registered members of the armed forces".*

Approved July 7, 1943.