

(j) Fold each ballot separately before placing them in "Ballot Envelope"; fold so that cross mark cannot be seen without unfolding, but so that fac-simile signature of officer (Secretary of State, County Auditor or City Clerk) under whose direction the ballot is printed and appearing on the back of the ballot, can be seen without unfolding the ballot. Do not put your name, initials or any other identifying mark on the ballot or "Return Envelope."

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

Approved April 20, 1925.

CHAPTER 278—S. F. No. 676.

An act amending Section 7, of Chapter 305, Laws of 1923, the same being Section 386 of General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1923, creating a Commissioner of Registration and providing for the registration of qualified voters in all cities now or hereafter having a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants, governed under a home rule charter adopted pursuant to Section 36, Article 4, of the constitution of the State of Minnesota, and providing for the registration of such voters by mail when such voter is absent from the election district in which he is entitled to vote.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Registration of voters in cities of first class.— That Section 7 of Chapter 305, Laws of 1923, the same being Section 386 of General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1923, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"Section 7. The Commissioner of Registration or a duly authorized clerk acting for him shall, up to fifteen days next preceding any election, receive the application for registration of all such qualified voters as shall personally appear for registration at the office of the commissioner or at such other place as is designated by him for registration, who then are, or on the date of election next following the day of making such application, will be entitled to vote. Any qualified voter who applies for registration shall subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, viz :

You do solemnly swear or affirm that you will fully and truly answer such questions as shall be put to you, touching your qualifications as voter, under the laws of this state.

Upon being sworn, the applicant shall answer such questions as are required as herein before set forth, and the clerk shall fill out the form which the applicant shall sign, and he shall not be required to register again for any election; provided, however, that

failure to vote at least once in two calendar years wherein elections are held shall operate as a challenge and shall require the applicant to re-register. In case a qualified voter is unable to write his name, he shall be required to make a cross, which shall be certified by the signing of the name of the applicant by the registration clerk taking the application. No qualified voter who is unable to sign his name may be permitted to mail or hand in a removal notice as in this act provided, but must appear in person to secure a removal of his name to his new voting district; *provided that any person entitled to vote at any primary, general or special election who is absent from the election district in which he maintains his legal residence and is entitled to vote, may, up to fifteen days next preceding any such primary, general or special election, make application in writing to the commissioner of registration to have his name entered upon the poll list and register of the precinct of his said residence, by mailing to and filing with said commissioner of registration his application and affidavit substantially in the following form:*

I,, being first duly sworn, on oath say that I am a legal voter in the State of Minnesota; that I reside at No. Street (or avenue), in the election district in the Ward in the City of; that I have not been and will not be able to be present in such district to register personally, for the reason that; That I desire to be registered in such district; that my full name is; I was born at; am (state color), have resided in the United States for years and months, and in Minnesota for years and months and in such election district for years and months, and days; That I am able to read English, and by occupation am a; that at the last general election I resided at No. Street (or avenue), in such city and was registered and voted at the election district of the ward (or that at the last general election I was not a resident of such city, but voted at); that at my present residence, as above stated, I am (householder, boarder, lodger, employee, or other proper term); (the following to be omitted if native-born) that I am a naturalized citizen of the United States; that my final papers were issued by the (give court and place) on the

.....(*Give date of other particulars*).....
.....(*Signature*).....

“Subscribed and sworn to before me
this.....day of.....19....”

“Upon filing of said application with the commissioner of registration the commissioner of registration shall forward to said applicant original and duplicate registration cards which said applicant shall sign and acknowledge in duplicate before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths and having a seal and return said original and duplicate registration cards to said commissioner of registration.

Suitable card index devices shall be provided. There shall also be provided suitable index cards of sufficient facial area to contain in plain writing and figures the data required thereon.”

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

Approved April 20, 1925.

CHAPTER 279—S. F. No. 974.

An act permitting the annexation for city purposes of certain incorporated cities of the fourth class to cities of the third class operating under a home rule charter, adjoining such cities of the fourth class.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. **Cities of third and fourth class may consolidate.**—Any incorporated city of the fourth class whose territory adjoins the territory of any incorporated city of the third class operating under a home rule charter, whether such city of the fourth class is in the same county as said city of the third class or not, may be annexed to said city of the third class and become a part thereof for city purposes in the manner herein provided for.

Sec. 2. **Petition.**—Thirty-five per cent or more of the legal voters of such city of the fourth class, according to the number of votes cast at the last city election in said city of the fourth class, may petition the governing body of such city of the fourth class to call an election for the determination of such proposed annexation, which petition shall be filed with the recorder of the said city of the fourth class.

Sec. 3. **Election in ten days after filing petition.**—Such governing body shall within ten days after the filing of said petition as aforesaid fix a time and place for the holding of an election for the determination of said matter, which time shall not be later than thirty days after the filing of said petition, and which place shall be within the limits of said city of the fourth class.

Sec. 4. **Notices to be posted.**—It shall be the duty of the