

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

Section 1. **Special elections and primaries therefor.**—That Section 2, Chapter 5, General Laws, 1919, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. It shall not be necessary to create any new precincts, appoint judges or make new registration of voters for any such special election or any primary therefor, but the registration for the last preceding general election shall be used, the precincts shall be the same as at the last preceding general election, the hours of opening and closing the polls shall be the same as such hours for general elections, the polling places shall be the same, as near as may be, and the judges of election at the last general election in any precinct shall serve as judges of election for such special election and the primary therefor, and vacancies of judges be filled in the same manner as in the case of general elections and such judges shall have the right to take from the city clerk or other legal custodian and use at such special election, and the primary therefor, the registers used at said last general election any names thereon being subject to challenge as at a general election. If any person whose name does not appear on said registers shall ask to vote at said primary election, his name shall be entered upon such registers, *except in cities of the first class*, upon taking such oath, answering such questions and complying with such other provisions of the existing laws, required for registration as contained in Section 1393, General Statutes 1923.

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CHAPTER 390—S. F. No. 930

(Secs. 384, 385, 387, 388, G. S. 1923)

An act to amend Sections 5, 6, 8 and 9 of Chapter 305, General Laws 1923, an act 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 fifty thousand inhabitants, governed under a home rule charter adopted pursuant to Section 36, Article 4, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

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

Section 1. **Laws amended.**—That Sections 5, 6, 8 and 9 of Chapter 305, General Laws of 1923, be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. **Commissioner to prepare registration lists.**—As soon as possible after the passage of this act, and not later than January 1, 1924, the Commissioner of Registration shall proceed to take the necessary steps for establishing the registration plan. He shall provide for an original list of qualified voters properly indexed, which shall be kept at the office of the Commissioner of Registra-

tion in a place and in such manner as to be properly safeguarded. Such list shall be known as "The Original Registration List" and shall not be removed from the Commissioner's office except upon court order. A second list to be known as "The Duplicate Registration List" shall be prepared from the "Original Registration List" by the Commissioner. Such "Duplicate Registration List" shall at all times, *and* subject to reasonable rules and regulations, be open to public inspection but no inspection shall be allowed that will interfere with the work of the judges or disarrange the election lists.

Sec. 6. Form of records.—For the purpose of expediting the work of the Commissioner of Registration, for uniformity and for preparation of abstracts and other forms in use by the election boards, the registration records shall be substantially as follows:

(a) 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.

(v) The following information concerning each applicant for registry shall be entered on the card:

(1) If a man:—

Ward

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Name, i. e., the name of the applicant, giving surname and Christian name in full

Residence, i. e., the name and number of the street, avenue or other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and definite description as may be necessary to give the exact location of the applicant.

Age, Are you 21 years of age—it being required that the applicant shall be 21 years of age on or before the day of election next following the date of application.

Term of residence, i. e., Will you have lived in the State of Minnesota for six months on or before the date of the next primary election or other election? Will you have lived in the election district for 30 days on or before the date of the next primary election or other election?

Nativity. In what state or country were you born?

Citizenship. Have you ever renounced your allegiance to the United States of America? Are you a naturalized citizen? Have you been a naturalized citizen for the three months prior to the date of the election next following the date of this application? In what court were you naturalized? Did your parents take out their second papers before you became 21 years of age and while you were a resident of the United States?

Date of application, i. e., the day, month and year when the applicant presented himself for registration.

Signature of Voter. The applicant, after registration shall

be required to sign his name on both the Original and the duplicate Registration Lists.

(2) If a woman:

The information requested shall be the same as for males with such additional information as may be necessary to determine the qualifications of the applicant for registration. *Provided, that whenever, after such original registration, any change of name shall occur due to marriage or divorce, such applicant shall not be allowed to vote until she has re-registered; and after such re-registration the Commissioner of Registration shall remove the previous registration card from the file.*

(c) There shall be provided removal notices to be given out upon request for use of any registered voter moving to a new location. These notices shall be printed upon thin card, shall contain a blank form showing where the applicant last resided and the address and exact location to which he is moving, and shall have a line for his signature similar to the one upon the Original Registration Card. Upon receipt of such removal notices, *but not later than ten days prior to any election*, the Commissioner of Registration shall make entry of such change of residence on the Original and the duplicate registration lists and the applicant shall thereupon be qualified to vote in the new election district.

(d) The commissioner shall compile and shall deliver to the judges of election in each district *the duplicate registration list of the voters in that district*, which shall be known as the "Election Register." Such register shall contain the name and address of every registered voter in that election district, together with a space following each name in which shall be recorded the words "voted" or "not voted" as the case may be. Also a space for "remarks" in which shall be recorded any challenge, affidavit or other information as may be required. *The entry of the words "voted" or "not voted," challenge, affidavit or other information shall be made by the judges of election immediately after the ballot of the voter has been deposited.*

(e) For the purpose of preventing fraudulent voting and for eliminating excess names, following the close of registration, *or at any other time as he may deem necessary*, the Commissioner of Registration may send by mail to any voter whose name appears on the Original Registration List, a notice bearing a statement substantially as follows:

You are hereby notified that your name and address appears on the Original Registration List as shown on the opposite side of this card. If there is any mistake on the above name or address, present this card at the office of the Commissioner of Registration, No....., City Hall, for correction on or before 19... The return of this card by the post office to the Commissioner of Regis-

tration will be accepted as evidence on which to challenge your vote on election day.

Commissioner of Registration.

Upon the return by the Post Office of any such notice the Commissioner of Registration shall and at other times *may* direct an authorized clerk to check up, in person, *the name and address of any voter, and if said voter* is found to have removed from the address as recorded on the Original Registration List, the Commissioner of Registration shall cause to be entered on the Election Register of the proper district, in the proper space opposite the said voter's name, the word "challenged." No one so challenged shall be permitted to vote except by complying with *all* provisions of law applicable to the proving of challenges.

(f) Every fifteen days, or at any more frequent times, the health commissioner or other officer in charge of the death records in any such city shall report to the Commissioner of Registration names and addresses of all persons over twenty-one years of age who have died within such city. The Commissioner of Registration shall, upon receipt of said report, examine the original and duplicate registration lists and shall remove therefrom, to an inactive file, the registration cards of all registered persons certified by the health commissioner as deceased.

Sec. 8. Commissioner to make election registers—The Commissioner of Registration shall have 15 full days between the last day of registration and election day, to perfect his Election Registers, and for that purpose 15 days before any election day shall be days upon which voters may not register. During these *fifteen* days the Commissioner shall complete the Election Registers, and on the day before election day shall deliver them as required by law to each election district.

Sec. 9. Election registers to be checked up and compared.—At the close of each calendar year after the second year of the registration under this act, clerks of registration shall check up the Registration List for the purpose of eliminating excess names, and to that end, they shall examine the Election Registers and wherever it appears that a registered voter has not voted at an election at least once in two calendar years wherein elections are held, his card shall be taken from the Original and the Duplicate Registration Lists and placed in a transfer file, and a printed postal card notice of that fact with the information that his vote has been challenged, and that the voter must re-register to remove said challenge, shall be sent to the last known address of said voter. When removal notices are received by the clerks, they shall examine the signature and compare them with the original, and if they are not similar a postal card

notice, stating a refusal to transfer for that cause, shall be sent to the applicant at the new address given.

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CHAPTER 391—S. F. No. 1294

An act relating to common school districts now or hereafter containing ten (10) or more townships and to elections therein.

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

Section 1. Extension of terms of certain school district officers.—In each common school district in the state now or hereafter containing ten (10) or more townships and less than ten (10) schools upon the passage of this act, each person heretofore elected a trustee thereof shall hold his office for the duration of the term for which he was elected and until the first Monday in August next following, unless said office shall be sooner vacated according to law. Vacancies shall be filed by the remaining members of the school board by appointment until the first Monday in August following. If such remaining members fail to appoint a person to fill such vacancy within ten days after the vacancy occurs, such vacancy may be filled, after five days notice to such remaining members by registered mail, by appointment of the Governor.

Sec. 2. Composition of school board in certain districts.—From and after the taking effect of this Act, the School Board of any such district shall consist of five (5) trustees to be elected at the time and in the manner now provided for the election of school directors in Independent school districts. At the first election to be held in July following the taking effect of this Act, there shall be elected two trustees of such Board to hold office for the period of two years and annually thereafter there shall be elected three trustees in the even numbered years and two trustees in the odd numbered years, each to take office on August 1st, following their election, and each to hold office for the period of two years thereafter, provided, that no person shall be elected as trustee to fill an office now held by any duly elected and qualified trustee of said district until such office shall have been vacated or the time for which such trustee was elected shall have expired.

Sec. 3. School board to meet and organize.—Within ten (10) days after the election of the first school board in such districts, under the provisions of this act, and annually thereafter on the first Saturday in August, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Board shall meet and organize by choosing a chairman, clerk and treasurer, who shall hold offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified; provided, that where there is