

## CHAPTER 554—H. F. No. 1238.

*An act relating to elections and providing for voting by persons absent from home while in the military and naval forces of the United States.*

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

**Section 1. Secretary of State to administer national absent voters act.**—The secretary of state, the several county auditors, all election officers and all other officers and agencies of the state and its governmental subdivision shall do and perform all acts, duties and services required of them by or which may be necessary or proper in order to give effect to any existing or future act of congress providing for voting by persons absent from their places of residence while serving in the military or naval forces of the United States. The secretary of state shall administer this act, and may require any appropriate officer or agency to perform any duty or service necessary to give effect hereto. The secretary of state may make such regulations not inconsistent with any provision of law as he deems necessary or proper to carry out the provisions hereof.

**Sec. 2. Ballots to include state officers and proposed constitutional amendments.**—The official ballots provided by the secretary of state under such acts of congress for voting upon federal offices shall also provide for voting for candidates for state offices to be voted upon throughout the state, and upon any proposed amendment to the state constitution or any other proposition or question upon which an election is had. The form of such ballots shall be determined by the secretary of state. All such ballots shall be prepared by the secretary of state, who shall cause the same to be printed in the requisite quantities at the expense of the state.

**Sec. 3. Voting to be governed by laws of United States.**—Such ballots shall be applied for, distributed, marked, voted and returned as provided by the laws of the United States, and shall be counted as provided by law or by such regulations as may be made by the secretary of state pursuant to Section 1 hereof. This act shall not apply to primary elections.

Approved April 21, 1943.