

the auditor pursuant to this act shall be deemed notice of the facts therein set forth. And all such records shall be prima facie true and correct.

**Sec. 37. Statute of limitation not to apply.**—The statutes of this state limiting the time for bringing either civil or criminal actions shall not apply to any action brought by the state for trespass upon any of its lands, or for violating any of the terms of the permit under which timber is removed from state lands, or for failure to pay the state for all the timber removed under any such permit, or to any criminal prosecution instituted under this act. Any civil action brought under this act may, at the election of the attorney general, be brought in any county in this state.

**Sec. 38. Application of act.**—Nothing in this act shall be deemed or construed as authorizing the sale, cutting, or removal, or as excusing damage or injury to any timber reserved to the state and set aside for any purpose, including state forests set aside under Section 7 of Article 8 of the constitution of Minnesota and laws enacted in furtherance thereof, except as provided in the laws directly relating to such reserved timber.

All persons cutting or removing state timber shall be subject to all laws now in force or hereafter enacted governing the burning and disposition of slashings or other debris resulting from timber operations, and concerning forest fires, including the setting or spreading or prevention or control thereof or liability therefor.

**Sec. 39. Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions of this act are hereby repealed so far, and only so far, as necessary to give full force and effect to this act.

**Sec. 40. Unconstitutionality of one section not to affect another.**—If any section or provision of this act shall be held unconstitutional by any court, all other sections and provisions shall nevertheless be deemed as effective as though such unconstitutional section or provision had never been inserted in this act.

**Sec. 41. Effective May 25, 1925.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after May 25, 1925.

Approved April 20, 1925.

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#### CHAPTER 277—S. F. No. 627.

*An act to amend Section 6, of Chapter 68, Laws 1917, the same being Section 501 of General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1923, relating to elections and authorizing voters absent on the day of certain elections from the election district of which they are residents to vote at such election.*

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

**Section 1. Forms of ballot and return envelope—directions for voter.**—That Section 6 of Chapter 68, Laws of 1917, the same being Section 501, General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1923, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. The county auditor of each of the several counties shall mail or deliver to the applicant with the ballots two envelopes and a voter's certificate. One envelope shall be known as the "Return Envelope" and shall be sufficiently larger than the "Ballot Envelope" hereinafter described, to conveniently enclose and contain the "Ballot Envelope" hereinafter described. There shall be printed or written across the left-hand end of said envelope by the auditor, before delivery thereof to the applicant, the words:

"Return Envelope.

Postmaster deliver on Election Day."

The auditor shall also cause said "Return Envelope" to be addressed to the "Judges of Election" in the election district in which the applicant has certified in his application he is entitled to vote, such address shall be in substantial conformity to one of the illustrations hereinafter set forth and as the facts may require, to-wit:

"To the Judges of Election,

7th precinct, Third Ward,  
City of Minneapolis,  
Hennepin County,  
Minnesota."

"To the Judges of Election, Rosedale Town

.....  
(Here insert name of postoffice nearest voting place.)

Hennepin County,  
Minnesota."

"To the Judges of Election, Village of Excelsior,

Excelsior,  
Hennepin County,  
Minnesota."

The auditor may vary any such form for addressing "Return Envelope" as the facts may require, but shall adopt such form of address as will best insure the prompt delivery of such envelope and contents to the judges of election on election day.

The county auditor shall also affix to said "Return Envelope" postage stamps sufficient in amount to pay the postage on said "Return Envelope," after the ballot, ballot envelope and voter's certificate herein prescribed have been enclosed therein, from any post-office within the territorial limits of the United States, other than the overseas possessions of the United States to the place to which

it is addressed. He shall also place thereon a ten cent special delivery stamp, or if a special delivery stamp be not obtainable, additional postage stamps aggregating in amount to ten cents, in which latter case he shall also write or stamp on the addressed side of such envelope in a conspicuous place the words, "Special Delivery."

There shall be printed on the back of said "Return Envelope" a certificate which shall be substantially in the following form, to-wit:

"This is to certify that.....  
after marking and enveloping the enclosed ballots as set forth in the enclosed certificate by me attested, enclosed the said ballot envelope in this return envelope in my presence without opening the said ballot envelope or permitting me or any other person to know or learn how he had voted as to any candidate or proposition and that this return envelope was sealed in my presence and after being sealed was deposited in my presence in the United States Postoffice at .....without being opened.

Dated this.....day of.....19....

.....  
Attesting Witness."

The return envelope shall be so made as to open on the left hand end and the certificate above set forth shall be printed on the right hand three-fourths of the back of said envelope.

The auditor shall also furnish to the applicant with the ballots, a "Voter's Certificate," which certificate shall be substantially in the following form, where the applicant is a resident of a city of the first, second or third class;

#### VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

"The undersigned hereby certifies that he is a qualified and duly registered voter in the.....precinct of the  
.....Ward of the city of.....  
(Strike out the word "Precinct" if the ward or wards constitute an election district.)

and that the ballots enclosed in the "Ballot Envelope" herewith enclosed in the "Return Envelope" was exhibited by me to the attesting witness named below before the same was marked by me and that thereafter I marked the same in the presence of said witness, but in such a way that neither he or any other person could see or learn for what candidates or propositions thereon I voted; that thereupon and in his presence I folded said ballots and without showing the same to any person, enclosed the same in the "Ballot Envelope" and sealed said "Ballot Envelope."

"Dated at....., this  
.....day of....., 19....

.....  
Voter."

### CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING WITNESS

"I certify that I have read the foregoing certificate and know the contents thereof and that the same is true.

Dated at ....., this  
..... day of ....., 19....

.....  
Attesting Witness.

(Here write name of office or official character, such as postmaster, clerk of court, etc.)"

If the applicant is a resident of a town, village or city of the fourth class, the auditor shall furnish with the ballots a "Voter's Certificate" which shall be substantially in the following form, to-wit:

### VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

"The undersigned hereby certifies that he is a qualified voter in the .....

(Here describe voting district, if more than one.)

of the .....

(Name of town, village or city of fourth class.)

county of..... State of Minnesota; that the ballots enclosed in the "Ballot Envelope" was exhibited by me to the attesting witness named below before the same was marked by me; that at the time I so exhibited the same to said attesting witness there were no cross marks opposite the names of any candidates, or propositions to be voted on, that thereafter I marked the same in the presence of said attesting witness, but in such a way that neither he or any other person could see or learn for what candidate or proposition thereon I voted; that thereupon in his presence I folded said ballots and without showing the same to any person, enclosed the same in the "Ballot Envelope" and sealed said "Ballot Envelope."

Dated at....., this  
..... day of....., 19....

.....  
Voter."

### CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING WITNESS

"I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing certificate and know the contents thereof and that the same is true.

Dated at ....., this  
..... day of....., 19....

.....  
Attesting Witness.

.....  
(Here write name of office or official character of attesting witness,  
such as postmaster, etc.)"

Printed on the back of the voter's certificate shall be the following directions to voters, to-wit:

### DIRECTIONS TO VOTERS

(a) You may mark and mail your ballot at any place within the United States other than Alaska and the Island Possessions of the United States.

(b) The ballot must be marked and sealed in the "Ballot Envelope" in the presence of an attesting witness, but in such a manner as to prevent such witness or any other person from knowing or learning how you have voted as to any candidate or proposition.

(c) After marking and enclosing ballot in the "Ballot Envelope" you and attesting witness must each sign your respective names to the "Voter's Certificate" and "Certificate of Attesting Witness."

(d) Do not put "Voter's Certificate" in "Ballot Envelope" but enclose same in "Return Envelope."

(e) Enclose "Ballot Envelope" and "Voter's Certificate" in "Return Envelope," seal the latter, have attesting witness sign certificate on back of "Return Envelope" and then deposit same in the United States Postoffice in presence of the attesting witness.

(f) The ballot may be marked and mailed at any time after you receive it from the county auditor; it should, however, be marked and mailed so as to arrive at your voting place on or before election day. If not there by that day it will not be counted.

(g) The attesting witness who signs the voter's certificate must also sign the certificate on the back of the "Return Envelope."

(h) Any United States Postmaster, Assistant United States Postmaster, *notary public*, or any county, village, or city officer having an official seal may be an attesting witness.

If a postmaster, or assistant postmaster acts as attesting witness, his signature on the "Certificate of Attesting Witness" should be authenticated by the cancellation stamp of their respective post-offices. If one of the other officers named as attesting witness his signature on the "Certificate of Attesting Witness" should be authenticated with his official seal. It is not necessary to thus authenticate the signature to the certificate on the back of the "Return Envelope."

(i) Remember that the officers above named are not bound to act as an attesting witness for you, but if they do, do so only as a favor.

(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.

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#### 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