

Sec. 2. Law amended.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1175, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"1175. Clerk to make and publish financial statement.—Thereupon the clerk *in office at the close of the calendar year* shall prepare a detailed statement of the financial affairs of the village for the preceding year, showing all money received, with the sources, dates and respective amounts thereof; all money paid, to whom and for what purpose; all outstanding and unpaid orders, to whom issued and for what purpose; all money remaining in the treasury; also all other items necessary to accurately show the financial condition of such village. He shall file such statement in his office for public inspection, and shall *present it to the council not later than January 15. The clerk shall publish the same not later than January 31* in a newspaper published in such village to be selected by the village council, and if there be no such newspaper he shall post copies of such statement in three of the most public places in such village."

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CHAPTER 245—H. F. No. 699

An act relating to the providing ballot labels, diagrams, sample ballots, return sheets, and other supplies needed for voting machines and for pro-rating costs between the state and counties; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 601-8(1)g.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 601-8(1)g, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"601-8(1)g. Officers to provide ballot labels—diagrams, etc., for voting machines.—The same authorities as are charged with providing paper ballots when such are used shall be required to provide all ballot labels, diagrams, sample ballots, return sheets and all other necessary supplies needed for the voting machines.

In state and county general elections the county auditor of each county using voting machines shall provide all ballot labels and other necessary printed forms and supplies needed for the voting machines, including all such forms needed for

placing on such voting machines, all offices, candidates and constitutional amendments and other questions and propositions, the ballots for which are required by the election laws to be provided by the state when paper ballots are used. The total cost of printing and providing all such forms shall be prorated by each county auditor so that the state and county will pay each its proportionate share based on the total number of candidates and questions under the jurisdiction of each. The state shall pay to the county its proportionate share of such cost as herein provided, all provisions of the statutes of this state notwithstanding.

Except as herein provided all ballots (or ballot labels) shall be printed in black ink on clear white material of such size as will fit the ballot frame of the voting machine, and in as plain clear type as the space will reasonably permit. Candidates' names may be set in as large type as the length of the majority of such names of all candidates on the ballot permits and the remaining candidates' names may be set in such smaller sizes or styles of type as the length of each such name requires based upon the available space in the frame of the voting machine. Constitutional amendment ballots (or ballot labels) shall be printed on material tinted pink and in a prominent place on such ballots, there shall be conspicuously printed a notice stating in substance that if a voter fails to vote on a constitutional amendment he votes, in effect, in the negative.

The authorities charged with the duty of providing ballots for any polling place where voting machines are used shall provide therefore at least two sample ballots which shall be arranged in the form of a diagram showing such part of the face of the voting machine as shall be in use at that election for voting for all candidates whose names are entitled to be placed on the ballot at such election and shall also show such part of the face of the voting machine as shall be in use for voting for all referendum questions, constitutional amendments, or other propositions. Candidates' names shall not be rotated on such sample ballots but shall be arranged in alphabetical order for all offices where rotation of names on the official ballots on the voting machines is required by law. Such sample ballots shall be either in full or reduced size and shall contain suitable illustrated directions for voting on the voting machine. Not less than two such sample ballots shall be posted in a prominent place in the polling place and shall remain open to inspection by the voters throughout the election day as amended by Laws of 1941, Chapter 72."

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