

CHAPTER 347—S. F. No. 1183

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An act authorizing the mechanization and improvement of voters registration systems in all cities of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000, or more.

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

Section 1. Purpose. The Legislature of the State of Minnesota, recognizing that modern methods have created vast improvements in the keeping and handling of files and records of all types, and recognizing that such modern methods have resulted in economy in both labor and money, and desiring to empower certain political subdivisions of the state to take advantage of the benefits of such modern methods, and without unduly limiting such political subdivisions, and in full faith that such political subdivisions will exercise the proper discretion in the adoption of the methods to be used, confers upon the political subdivisions the following powers.

Sec. 2. Voter registration; Minneapolis may adopt modern system. Any city of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000, or more, may, by action of its council or governing body, provide for and adopt any modern mechanized or other system for the registration of voters and for maintaining and keeping current such mechanized or other registration systems.

Sec. 3. Requirements of system. No such system shall be adopted which does not conform substantially to the provisions of Chapter 201, Minnesota Statutes 1949, and all information, duplicate registration lists, reports and other records required to be kept by said Chapter 201 shall be incorporated in and maintained in the new system.

Sec. 4. Re-registration of voters not necessary. At the time of the adoption of such a system it shall not be necessary for any voter who is duly registered to re-register on any form provided by the new mechanized method; provided, however, that the pertinent information contained on such voter's original registration be microfilmed, photographed, or preserved by some other mechanical means and superimposed upon or made a part of any new card or record provided for the registration of such a voter.

Sec. 5. Records, preservation. After the adoption of a new system of registration, as provided herein, all of the old records pertaining to voters and voters' registration shall be preserved and filed by the officer in charge of such registration records.

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