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## The Registration Law.

An Act to Provide for the Registration of Voters.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. On or before the 30th day of February, in the year 1866, the Governor shall appoint in each county except the county of St. Louis, one competent and discreet citizen, who is a qualified voter, as a Supervisor of Registration in such county, who shall be the President of the Board of Appeals and Revision, as hereinafter provided. He shall keep a record of all his acts and proceedings.

Sec. 2. During the first ten days of July next ensuing his appointment, the supervisor of registration shall proceed to appoint one competent person, who is a qualified voter, in each election district of such county, as an officer of registration, who shall serve as such until the next biennial appointment of officers of registration, and shall cause every person so appointed to be notified thereof, and shall also transmit to the clerk of the county court of said county a list of the names of such officers appointed in the county.

He shall fill any vacancies occurring in any of the appointments made by him.

He shall give notice of the times and places of the sessions of said officers of registration at least one week before the day of their first session, by publication in at least one newspaper published in the county, if such there be, and also by at least six handbills posted up at public places in each election district. In the city of St. Louis such notices shall be published in at least three daily newspapers, one of which shall be published in the German language. He shall also, at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of the time and place of the meeting of the board of appeals and revision, as hereinafter prescribed.

Sec. 3. Each supervisor and officer of registration, before entering upon his duties, shall take and subscribe the oath of loyalty and oath of office prescribed in the sixth and thirteenth sections of the second article of the Constitution.

Sec. 4. The county court of each county shall on or before the first day of July in each year of a general election, revise the formation of the election districts in the county, and shall, as far as the public convenience will admit, establish the election districts by townships, or by wards of a city or town, or other municipal subdivision. But where the county court shall deem it necessary to establish more than one place of voting in any township, ward or other municipal subdivision, it shall designate and establish the boundaries of the election district pertaining to each place of voting, and the county court shall immediately after and certify to the Supervisor of Registration a statement of all the election districts in the county, with the boundaries thereof.

Sec. 5. The Governor shall cause to be prepared the form of a book for the registration of voters, and on or before the first day of August, 1866, shall cause one copy of such book to be deposited with each Clerk of a county court as a guide to him in preparing books for the use of officers of registration, and the copy so deposited shall be kept by the clerk in his office for that purpose. The expense of preparing and transmitting such book shall be paid out of the State Treasury, upon the certificate of the Governor.

Sec. 6. The clerks of the several county courts shall, from and in conformity with the books so deposited with them by the Governor, prepare and distribute to the officers of registration in their respective counties a sufficient number of books for the registration of voters in each election district.

Sec. 7. The officer of registration in each election district shall attend in discharge of his duties at the usual place of voting in such district on every Saturday between the twentieth day of September in each year of a general election, and the fifteenth day prior to such election, if necessary to complete such registration, and shall, on these days, be in attendance for the purpose of registration, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M., and in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 9 o'clock P. M. If the supervisor of registration deems it necessary, he may authorize the officer of registration in any election district, to appoint additional days within the limits prescribed in this section for the registration of voters.

Sec. 8. In the books furnished to the officers of registration as aforesaid, there shall be printed or written the oath of loyalty aforesaid, followed by space sufficient for every voter to subscribe his name and place of residence thereunder, and in cities and towns having streets and houses numbered, the street and number of each voter's residence shall be placed opposite his name; and no person's name shall be registered as a qualified voter unless he appear before the said officer, and take and subscribe said oath, except in the cases provided for in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth sections of the second article of the Constitution; for persons relieved from disqualification, under the said twenty-third section, a separate oath shall be written or printed in said book in conformity with the Con-

stitution, to be taken and subscribed by them. If any person subscribe either of said oaths by making his mark, his signature shall be witnessed by the officer of registration, by signing his name opposite thereto.

Sec. 9. The officer of registration shall have power to examine, under oath, any person applying for registration as to his qualifications as a voter, and he shall, before entering the name of any person upon the register of qualified voters, diligently inquire and ascertain that he has not done any of the acts specified in the Constitution as causes of disqualifications; and if (from his own knowledge or from evidence brought before him) he shall be satisfied that he is disqualified under any provision of the Constitution, he shall not enter his name as a qualified voter, though he may have taken and subscribed before him the oath of loyalty aforesaid, but shall enter it in a separate list of persons rejected as voters; and in connection with such entry, he shall state the grounds of the rejection, and he shall also note every appeal from his decision, by making an entry of the fact opposite the name of the party taking such appeal. The officer of registration shall have power to administer oaths to all parties appearing before him for registration or as witnesses.

Sec. 10. The officer of registration shall enter in the register of qualified voters the name of every person who voluntarily registers himself, though not entitled to such registration at the time he applies therefor, he will become so on or before the next ensuing general election.

Sec. 11. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday preceding the tenth day before each general election, the supervisor of each county, in connection with the officers of registration, or a majority thereof, shall meet at the county seat of each county as a board of appeals and revision; they shall pass upon the claims of all persons who have been unable to appear before the register of their respective districts, and upon persons who consider that injustice has been done them by the officers of registration refusing to record them as voters, also, on objections made to persons who may have been registered as voters. They shall add to the list in each election district the names of such persons as they may consider legally entitled to registration, and shall strike therefrom such as they shall consider improperly registered. All such objections to persons whose names have been previously registered shall be made on the first day of the sitting of such board of Appeals, and the names of no persons previously registered shall be stricken off from the list of registered voters, unless such person shall have two days personal notice of the time when such objections will be heard and considered. Such notice shall be given in either of the following methods:

First: At the time such person is registered by any one interested, and such notice be then given it shall be the duty of the officer of registration to mark opposite the name of such person, the words "objected to," and the name of the objector.

Second: By notice in writing, filed by the person objecting, or by a member of the board to be served as an ordinary summons is served.

Third: By putting up such notice conspicuously in the office of the county clerk and the voting precinct in the election district where the person sought to be affected resided, signed by the party objecting, or by a member of the Board of Appeals. The fact of posting may be shown by the affidavit of the person putting up the notice, or by the affidavit of any other person knowing the fact.

Sec. 12. Immediately after the closing of such register, the officer of registration shall make and certify two fair copies, alphabetically arranged, of the names of the qualified voters as ascertained and determined by said board, one of which he shall deposit with the clerk of the county court on or before the next ensuing Saturday, and the other he shall deliver at or before the hour of ten o'clock A. M., of that day, to some one of the persons who shall have been appointed to act as judges of the next ensuing general election in the election district for which the list was made and shall take his receipt therefor. If on said day there shall not have been judges of the election appointed, the officer of registration shall retain the said list until such judges shall have been appointed, when he shall deliver the same to them, or some one of them. The person to whom the said list shall have been delivered shall produce the same at the place of voting, and deliver it into the possession of the judges of the election at the time of opening the polls on the day of the ensuing general election, and if he shall refuse or willfully neglect, or fail so to produce and deliver the same, he shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment, and shall thereafter be qualified to hold any office of honor, trust or profit under the laws or authority of this State.

Sec. 13. The copy of said list so deposited with the clerk shall be subject to examination as other records of said court, but no such examination by any

person not officially connected with the court shall be allowed, except in the presence of said clerk or his deputy.

Sec. 14. The officers of registration shall as soon as may be, deposit with said clerk the original books of registration, which shall be kept and preserved among the records of the court, except when otherwise disposed of, as hereinafter directed.

Sec. 15. If the officer of registration shall fail to deliver to the persons appointed to act as judges of elections, or some one of them, a copy of the list of names as hereinbefore required, the said persons appointed as judges, shall, or any one or more of them may, give notice of the fact, to the clerk of the county court, who shall thereupon immediately furnish to them a certified copy of the list in his possession.

Sec. 16. The judges of election shall, after a general election, deliver to the officer of registration a list of voters voted by them at the election, which shall remain in his custody and be disposed of by him as hereinbefore directed.

Sec. 17. When any person shall have voted the judges of election, shall at the time write opposite his name on the list the word "voted."

Sec. 18. For the purpose of keeping the list of qualified voters complete, the clerk of the county court shall, fifteen days before any special election, cause to be delivered to the officer of registration of each election district the books of registration returned by said officer of registration, who shall immediately proceed to register the names of such persons as have become qualified voters after the closing of the registry, unless it appears that such person was rejected because sufficient time had not elapsed for his becoming a qualified voter, and that since such rejection sufficient time had elapsed. He shall, whenever an election is to be held in his district before the next general election, certify to the judges of election the additional names registered by him, along with the general list made out at the preceding general registry. He shall complete said books of registration ten days prior to said special election. In making such registration he shall be governed by the provisions of the Constitution and of this act, as applicable to the general registration.

Sec. 19. If any person registered by the officer of registration at the regular biennial registration shall, before the registry is finally closed, remove his residence from the election district where he was registered, the officer of that district, upon being satisfied that such removal has been made, shall, upon the application of the party, give him a certificate of his registration, which certificate shall be tested by a clerk of a court of record, with his seal of office affixed thereto, as to the genuineness of the signature and official character of the registering officer granting the same, and upon his delivering the same to the officer of the district to which he has removed his name may be registered there. In like manner the officer of registration may grant a like certificate to any qualified voter removing from his district into another. In such cases the word "removed" shall be written opposite the name of such voter.

Sec. 20. All officers of registration, while discharging their duties, shall have and exercise the powers of a judge of the Circuit Court, for the preservation of order at and around the place of registration, and may summon and compel the attendance of witnesses for the purpose of ascertaining the qualification of persons registered or applying for registration, and to that end may issue subpoenas, attachments and commitments to any sheriff or constable, who shall serve such process as if issued by such judge, and shall receive the same fees therefor as are allowed by law for such services in State cases, to be paid by the person against whom the process is issued, or out of the county treasury; but no officer of registration shall charge any fee for issuing any such process.

Sec. 21. When any person whose name appears on the register as that of one rejected as a voter shall offer to vote, the judges of election shall, in addition to marking his ballot as rejected, keep the same separate from the ballots of qualified voters, so as effectually to prevent his vote from being counted as that of a qualified voter.

Sec. 22. If any judge of election at the general election in the year 1866, or at any election thereafter held, shall receive or deposit the ballot of any person whose name does not appear upon the list furnished to the judges of election in pursuance of this act, or shall willfully refuse to receive the ballot of any person whose name appears upon such a list, or shall willfully violate any of the provisions of this act, or of the second article of the Constitution, he shall be punished as hereinafter provided. But this section shall not be construed to prevent such judges from refusing the ballot of any person registered as a qualified voter, who has made or become directly or indirectly interested in any bot or wager dependent upon the result of the election at which he offers to vote.

Sec. 23. If any officer of registration shall knowingly enter upon the register of qualified voters the name of any person not entitled to any such registration, or

from the name of any person applying for registration, and lawfully entitled thereto, or shall in any manner willfully violate any of the provisions of this act, he shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 24. If any clerk of a county court shall violate any of these provisions of this act, or refuse or willfully fail to perform any duty herein imposed upon him, or make any alteration in the list of voters deposited with him or suffer the same to be made by another, except as herein after authorized, he shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 25. Any judge of election, county supervisor, officer of registration or clerk convicted of any offense under any of the next preceding three sections, shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment, and thereafter be disqualified to hold any office of honor, trust or profit under the laws or authority of this State.

Sec. 26. Whoever shall destroy, mutilate, deface, take by violence from any officer of registration, judge of election or clerk of a county court or steal, take and carry away any book of registration or list of voters, required by this act to be made or kept, shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than two years.

Sec. 27. All expenses incurred by officers of registration in pursuance of this act, shall be paid out of the county treasury.

Sec. 28. At the general election, in the year 1866, and every succeeding general election, there shall be elected in each county in this State and in each Senatorial district of the county of St. Louis, a supervisor of registration, who shall continue in office two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall perform the duties of supervisor and be subject to all the provisions in relation thereto as prescribed in this act.

Sec. 29. The supervisor of registration shall receive \$3 per day, and the officer of registration of each election district shall receive \$2 per day, for each day, in which they shall be necessarily occupied in the discharge of their duties provided for in this act, to be paid out of the county treasury of their respective counties upon the certificate of the county supervisor.

Sec. 30. Any vacancy occurring in the office of supervisor of registration shall be filled by appointment of the Governor.

Sec. 31. On or before the first day of June, 1866, the Governor shall, in like manner as prescribed in section one of this act, appoint one supervisor of registration for each Senatorial district of St. Louis county, who shall have the same powers perform the same duties and be subject in all respects to the provisions of this act as applied to county supervisors, except as hereinafter provided. And the officers of registration appointed by the several supervisors in the Senatorial districts of St. Louis county shall have the same powers, perform the same duties, and be subject to the same restrictions as are provided in this act to apply to officers of registration in other counties of the State.

Sec. 32. The board of appeals and revision of each Senatorial district of St. Louis county shall consist of the supervisor and officers of registration of each Senatorial district. The supervisor of registration shall in addition to the duties defined in this act, determine upon the place where the session of the board of appeals and revision shall meet, and give notice thereof at the time and in the manner hereinbefore prescribed in this act.

Sec. 33. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of voters, approved December 16, 1865.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Sec. 1. The supervisors of registration for the several counties, and for each Senatorial district in the city and county of St. Louis, are hereby required to make out and forward to the Secretary of State immediately after the completion of the registration in their respective counties and districts, a certified copy of the registration thereof, which shall contain the names of all registered voters, which certified copy shall be evidence of the facts therein stated, and may be used as such in any contested election case or other legal proceedings.

Sec. 2. Any person who may by threats, intimidation or violence, resist or impede the registrar in the discharge of his duties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be punished by fine not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, and imprisonment not to exceed 60 days in the county jail.

Sec. 3. Any officer of registration, who by violence, threats or intimidation, shall be prevented from discharging his duties as such, shall report the same to the sheriff, who shall furnish a sufficient posse to enable him to proceed in the discharge of his duties.

Sec. 4. When any person claiming the right to be registered as a voter under the provisions of section 23, article two, of the Constitution, shall be objected to on the ground that the decree of the court granting remission of antecedent disqualification was fraudulently obtained, and that such person was not by the law-

fully discharged from the military service of the United States, it shall be the duty of the person so claiming the right to be registered to produce to the registration officer, such discharge, in writing, from the proper officer of the United States, and in default thereof, or proof of the loss or destruction of such original discharge, such person shall not be entitled to be registered as a voter.

Sec. 5. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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