

CHAPTER 170.

FURTHER APPROPRIATION FOR SALARY OF REGISTER OF
STATE LAND - OFFICE.

APRIL 8. AN ACT Making further Appropriation for the Salary of the Register of the State Land - Office.

\$600 appropriated.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That there is hereby appropriated for the payment of the salary of the Register of the State Land - Office, for the two years and three months ending on the thirty-first day of March, 1870, in addition to the amount already appropriated, the sum of six hundred dollars or so much thereof as he may be entitled to by law.

Approved April 8, 1868.

CHAPTER 171.

REGISTRY LAW.

APRIL 8. AN ACT for the Registry of Electors and to Prevent Fraudulent Voting.

Assessors to take lists of voters.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That it shall be the duty of the township assessors at every annual assessment to record in a separate book of suitable size, to be provided by the board of supervisors of the county, the full name and place of residence of every resident voter in the township who is or who may become a qualified elector previous to the next general election. Said list, properly certified, shall be delivered to the township clerk on or before the 1st day of July in each year, after the year A. D. 1868.

Board of registry meet in September.

SEC. 2. The township trustees and clerk shall constitute a board of registry for their respective townships, and shall meet after the year 1868, annually, at the office of the township clerk on the first Monday in September, at 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of making a list of all qualified electors in their respective townships. This list shall be called and known as the Register of Elections.

Register of Elections—

what to contain;

SEC. 3. The register of elections shall contain the names in full, alphabetically arranged, according to their surnames, so as to show in one column the name

at full length, and in another column opposite, in cities and incorporated villages, the residence by number of dwelling, if there be a number, and the name of the street or other location of the dwelling-place of each person. This register shall be made from the assessors' list and from the poll-books of the next previous election. Said register shall be kept by the township clerk, who shall, within two days after the adjournment of the board, cause a certified copy of said register to be posted up in a conspicuous place in his office, which shall be accessible to any elector of the township who may desire to examine the same.

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SEC. 4. The board of registry shall hold a meeting at the place where the last general election was held, or, if from any cause it cannot be held at such place, then at some place to be designated by notice published in at least one paper printed in the township, or posted in at least three public places therein, on the Tuesday preceding the general election of year, at which they shall revise, correct, and complete the register of elections, and they shall hear any evidence that may be brought before them in reference to such correction. They shall be in session for this purpose from 9 o'clock A. M., until 5 P. M., and from day to day thereafter and until they shall deem the register properly completed.

Meeting of
board, where
held.

Correction of
register.

SEC. 5. In cases of corporation elections, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the city or town to prepare, from the poll-books of the last preceding annual election of said corporation, an alphabetical register of the electors as provided in section 3 of this act, and [he] shall post up one copy thereof in each ward at the place where the last preceding election was held, one month preceding such election, and furnish the original to the board of registry at their next meeting. The board of registry for said cities and towns shall consist of the mayor, assessor, clerk, and marshal, who shall meet, for the purpose of correcting the registry, one week before such election, at the usual place of meeting of the city council or trustees, and after having corrected the registry of voters, in each ward, as contemplated in the general provisions of this act, said board shall cause a certified copy of said registry for each ward in said town or city to be delivered to the election board of such wards at or before the time of opening the polls. After the canvassing of the votes, the registries shall be attached to the poll-books and filed in the office of the clerk of the city or town, for the use of the succeeding board of registry. The general provisions of

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this act shall extend to incorporated towns and cities so far as the same may be applicable. The names of all persons not qualified as electors shall be stricken from the register, and any person appearing to register his name may be challenged by any elector or member of the board, and in case of such challenge shall be examined on oath touching his qualifications as an elector, which examination may or may not, in the discretion of the board, be reduced to writing; and if it shall appear upon such examination that the person is entitled to be registered, in the opinion of the board, or if, after such examination, the said person will take an oath that he is, or will be at the election for which the registry is made, a legal voter, stating the ward, district, or township in which he resides, and complying in other respects with the requirements of the oath now administered to an elector in case of his being challenged, then the board shall cause the name of said person to be registered.

Register open to inspection. SEC. 6. The register of elections shall at all times be open to inspection at the office of the township clerk without charge.

Temporary clerk. SEC. 7. The board of registry may appoint a clerk, in the absence of the township clerk, and may administer oaths in all cases coming before them for action.

Voters' names to be checked on register. SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of judges of elections to designate one of their number to check the name of every person voting, whose name is on the register. No vote shall be received at any general or special election hereafter held in this State from any person whose name does not appear on the register, unless the person offering to vote shall furnish the judges of election his affidavit, showing that he is a qualified elector, and a proper reason for not appearing before said board on the day for correcting said register, and prove by the affidavit of a person whose name is on said register that he knows such person to be a resident of such township, and, if in a city or incorporated village, giving the place of residence in the manner required to be entered on the register, which said affidavits shall be filed in the office of the township clerk.

Compensation of board. SEC. 9. The members of the board of registry shall receive the same compensation as is allowed by law for judges of election, for each day actually employed in making, completing, and posting said register. The necessary blanks and materials to carry out the provisions of this act shall be provided the same as other election blanks and materials.

SEC. 10. Any person who shall cause his name to be registered, knowing that he is not, or will not become, a qualified voter in the township where his name is registered, previous to the next general election, or who shall wrongfully personate any registered voter, and any person causing, aiding, or abetting any person in any manner in either of said acts, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished for each and every offense by imprisonment in the State prison not less than one year. Any person who shall swear falsely before said board to material facts as to his qualifications as an elector, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and on conviction thereof shall be punished as provided by law.

Improperly registering or wrongfully personating voter, & aiding, &c., same—a felony; how punished.

SEC. 11. After the canvass of votes at each election, one of the poll-books and register of elections shall be attached together and filed in the office of the township clerk for the use of the board of registry at their next annual election.

Register and poll-books attached, and kept by township clerk.

SEC. 12. The township trustees and township clerk shall meet at the office of the township clerk on the first Monday in September, 1868, at 8 o'clock A. M., and proceed to make a list of the qualified voters in their respective townships as provided for in section three of this act, except as to the residence, which may be omitted.

Trustees and clerk to make list September, 1868.

SEC. 13. The board shall procure and have before them the poll-book of the previous election, in the absence of the assessor's list, as provided for in section one of this act; and they may add the names of any persons residing in the township whom they believe to be qualified electors; and the register shall within two days after the adjournment of the board be posted in the manner provided for in section three of this act, and such register shall for the first year be, for all intents and purposes, the register provided in section three, and shall be revised and corrected at the meeting of said trustees at their meeting on the Tuesday preceding the general election in each year.

Absence of assessor's list. Provisions for first year.

SEC. 14. In cases of special elections, the township clerk shall furnish to the board of registry of their respective townships, ten days before such election, a duly certified copy of the corrected registry for the last preceding general election, at a meeting of said board, to be held at the usual place of meeting, when they shall proceed to correct and perfect said registry as provided in this act.

Special elections.

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