

as to hinder the objects of this act, shall be punished by fine of not less than five nor more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Approved May 29, 1888.

Chap.437 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW DIVISION OF WARDS IN CITIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

New division of wards in cities.

SECTION 1. A city may, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and in every tenth year thereafter, before the first day of May in such year, by vote of its city council, make a new division of its territory into such number of wards as may be allowed by its charter; and the boundaries of such wards shall be so arranged that the wards shall contain, as nearly as can be ascertained, and as nearly as may be consistent with well-defined limits to each ward, equal numbers of legal voters.

Division into voting precincts.

SECTION 2. The board of aldermen of any city, whose territory has thus been divided into new wards, shall, prior to the first Monday of July in the year in which such new division has been made, divide such city into voting precincts in the manner prescribed by and in accordance with the provisions of sections three and four of chapter two hundred and ninety-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

List of voters to be furnished to city council, etc., by registrars of voters.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of furnishing to the city council and board of aldermen the information necessary to make a new division into wards and voting precincts, in accordance with the preceding sections, the registrars of voters in each city shall, immediately after the municipal election in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and in each tenth year thereafter, prepare, and, prior to the tenth day of February next ensuing, deliver to the city clerk of such city, a list of all the male voters therein who were registered for such municipal election, which list shall be so made and arranged as to show the numbers of such registered voters who reside in each lot or block surrounded by streets within the limits of such city, and in any other subdivisions of the city which the city council or board of aldermen may prior to the first day of February designate.

At election of national, etc., officers in year

SECTION 4. For the purpose of the annual meeting for the election of national, state, district and county

officers in the year of any such new division or for the purpose of any election held prior to the annual meeting in the next succeeding year for filling a vacancy among such officers, and for the purpose of any election which may be held prior to the municipal election next succeeding such new division, for the filling of a vacancy among officers elected at the previous municipal election, the wards and voting precincts as existing previous to such new division shall continue, and for such purposes election officers shall be appointed and hold office, and assessment and voting lists shall be prepared for each such voting precinct, and all other things required by law shall be done, as if no such division had been made. Election officers shall, notwithstanding, be appointed according to law for the new wards and voting precincts, who shall serve at the municipal election in the year of such new division and likewise in all respects other than as above provided. Such new division shall take effect when so established in accordance with the preceding sections of this act.

of new division, or at any election the succeeding year for filling vacancy, etc., old wards and precincts to continue.

Election officers for new wards and precincts to be appointed.

SECTION 5. The board of aldermen of a city may in any year divide any ward in such city into voting precincts in the manner prescribed by and in accordance with the provisions of sections three and four of chapter two hundred and ninety-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and for such purpose the board of aldermen may require the registrars of voters to furnish it with a list of the voters of any ward in such city as required by section three of this act and with such other information as it may deem necessary.

Division into voting precincts.

Aldermen may require list of voters to be furnished by registrars.

SECTION 6. Sections fourteen, fifteen and sixteen of chapter twenty-eight of the Public Statutes, section one of chapter two hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, chapter one hundred and twenty-five and section nine of chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, chapter one hundred and fifty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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