ENROLLED BILL
(SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION, 1933)

House Bill No. 131

 Originating Committee
(By Mr. of Judiciary)

Passed March 6th, 1934

In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section fourteen, article three, chapter eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to the registration of voters for municipal elections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section fourteen, article three, chapter eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended and reenacted so as to read as follows:

Section 14. No municipality shall be required to register its voters, unless required to do so by its special charter, or unless by ordinance it so provides. In either of such cases the county court shall provide by ordinance for making the voting precincts in the several wards of the municipality coincide as to boundaries, as nearly as may be, to the boundaries of the voting precincts fixed by the county court for all state and county elections;
9 and in any year when a county registration of voters is made, 10 the clerk, recorder, or other similar officer of every munici- 11 pality shall make from the county registration books, after 12 they have been returned by the registrars to the office of the 13 clerk of the county court, a register of voters of such munici- 14 pality, as part of his official duties, and without additional 15 compensation therefor. The council shall also, in such case, by 16 ordinance specify the times when council shall sit, which shall 17 be not later than the third day preceding an election, for the 18 purpose of examining such register of voters, of adding to 19 such register the names of persons who have not been registered 20 and who will be entitled to vote in the election, of transferring 21 voters from one precinct to another, when proper so to do, and 22 of striking off the name of any person who is no longer entitled 23 to vote in said municipality or who has died. In all such mat- 24 ters the provisions of chapter three of this code with reference 25 to the registration of voters shall govern so far as applicable, 26 except as herein provided, and except, further, that the duties 27 required by said chapter to be performed by the county court 28 shall be performed by the council of the municipality, and those 29 to be performed by the clerk of the county court shall be per-
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30 formed by the clerk, recorder, or other similar officer of the
31 municipality. Such ordinance shall also provide that the two
32 major political parties, through their respective municipal ex-
33 ecutive committees, acting by their chairmen, may appoint chal-
34 lengers to be present on the days when the council sits for the
35 examination and correction of the register of voters, and for
36 the making of transfers of voters from one precinct to another:
37 Provided, however, That the provisions hereof shall not apply
38 to such municipalities as by their special charters are now, or
39 may hereafter be, required to use as the municipal register of
40 voters the county registration books as made by county regis-
41 trars and the county court.
42 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of
43 this act are hereby repealed.
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R. E. Shive
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

M. M. Maier
Clerk of the House of Delegates.

P. S. Mairino
President of the Senate.

The within is approved this 8th day of March, 1934.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia on MAR 9, 1934.

Wm. S. O'Brien, Secretary of State

H. S. Stier
Governor.