CHAPTER CVI.

[H. B. No. 205.]

TO AMEND AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS.

AN ACT to amend section 17 of an act entitled "An act providing for printing and distributing ballots at public expense, and to regulate voting at state and other elections," approved March 19, 1890.

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

SECTION 1. That section 17 of an act entitled "An act providing for printing and distributing ballots at public expense, and to regulate voting at state and other elections," approved March 19, 1890, be amended to read as follows: Sec. 17. All ballots prepared under the provisions of this act shall be white and of a good quality of paper, and the names shall be printed thereon in black ink. Every ballot shall contain the name of every candidate whose nomination for any office specified in the ballot has been specified or filed according to the provisions of this act, and no other names. All nominations of any party or group of petitioners shall be placed under the title of such party or petitioners, as designated by them in their certificate of nomination or petition, and the name of each nominee shall be placed under the designation of the office for which he has been nominated. At the end of the lists of candidates for each office shall be left a blank space large enough for the name of a candidate to be written in. There shall be a blank space on each side of every column of nominees at least a half an inch in width, and a reasonable space between the names printed thereon, so that the voter may clearly indicate in the way hereinafter provided the candidate or candidates for whom he wishes to cast his ballot. The arrangement of the ballot shall, in general, conform as nearly as possible to the plan hereinafter given. The list of candidates of the republican party shall be placed in the first column on the left hand side of said ballot; of the democratic party, in the second column; and of any other parties in such order as the clerk of the board of county commissioners shall determine.

Color of ballot.

Arrangement of names.



Whenever the secretary of state has duly certified to the clerk of the board of county commissioners any question to be submitted to a vote of the people, the clerk of the board of county commissioners shall have printed on the regular ballots the question in such form as will enable the electors to vote upon the question so presented in the manner hereinafter provided; the clerk of the board of county commissioners shall also prepare the necessary ballots, whenever any question is, by law, to be submitted to the vote of the electors of any locality, and not to the state generally: *Provided*, *however*, That in all questions submitted to the voters of a municipal corporation alone, it shall be the duty of the municipal clerk to provide the necessary ballots.

Approved March 7, 1891.