

ELECTIONS: Board of registration as now constituted in Jefferson City should meet at least ten days before the primary in August and make up an alphabetical list of voters for each precinct.

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Hon. Henry W. Ells,
City Clerk,
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

This department is in receipt of your request for an opinion as to the following state of facts:

"Complying with your advise over the phone a few days ago, I am writing to ask if you will kindly give us an opinion as to whether, under the permanent registration law as passed by the last Legislature, we are required to have this permanent registration of voters before the August primary or should it be after the primary and before the general election in November."

Section 30 of the law relating to registration in cities of 10,000 to 30,000 inhabitants, as found in Laws of Mo. 1933, page 239, provides (p.249):

"In all cities and towns now having a board of registration, in which the registration of voters has been had in accordance to law, the board of registrars duly elected at the election of November, 1932, shall constitute the board of registrars for said city under the provisions of this article as rewritten until the general election 1934."

We are informed that Jefferson City has now a board of registration, and in view of the foregoing section of the Act, this board of registration will continue to act until the general election of 1934.

Section 6a of the 1933 law as found in Laws of Mo. 1933, page 242, provides:

"Said Board of Registrars shall meet and hold sessions for the purpose of registration of voters at all the times necessary as provided in this act; which said Board shall also meet ten days prior to any general, special or primary election, or any general, special or primary city election, for a period of not to exceed two days and at least five days before said election for the purpose of making up an alphabetically arranged list of the voters in a book for each of the precincts of each of the wards or districts of their respective cities."

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing sections of the 1933 Act, it is the opinion of this department that the Board of Registration as now constituted in Jefferson City, Missouri should, at least ten days before the primary election in August, meet for the purpose of making up an alphabetically arranged list of the voters of Jefferson City in a book for each of the precincts in each of the wards or districts of Jefferson City.

Respectfully submitted,

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