

SUGGEST CHANGES IN ELECTION LAWS

Would Combine All Voting on Single Day, Except Primaries; Details

A substantial departure from the Illinois election laws that the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November be made an annual election day for all elections except primaries, has been recommended to Governor Louis L. Emmerson and the General Assembly in the report of the Illinois Commission on Revision of Election Laws.

The commission recommends that all city and village elections be set to take place in one odd numbered year and that all park district, school district and other minor elections of the same kind, be set to take place in the alternate odd numbered year, so that there will be a cycle of elections in each period of four years to include all elections now scheduled for November in even years and also all elections which are now held in the spring.

Numerous Changes

A number of further recommendations would drastically change the Illinois election code greatly simplifying the system, members of the commission claim.

A prominent Waukegan attorney in commenting on the proposed changes declared that they are very desirable but added the belief that the wide departure from present laws will prevent a passage in the General Assembly.

Among the outstanding recommendations of the commission was a suggestion that each annual November election day be made a public holiday to permit greater opportunity for voting and better distribution of voting time for convenience to the voters.

The commission recommended that the dates of all primary elections be changed to the latter part of August prior to each annual November election, believing that it is desirable that the primary should precede the general election by as short a period as possible.

It suggests in addition that the practice of nominating candidates for public offices by caucus, convention or meeting of voters should be abolished. The number of petitioners required to nominate an independent candidate for an office to be voted upon by the entire state should be increased to \$25,000 or more, it is recommended.

Under the present law a city candidate to be voted on by all residents is required to have two percent of all voters at the preceding election sign his petition if he intends to run independently. The commission has recommended that this number of petition signers be raised to between five and eight per cent of all voters at the first preceding election in cities.

In addition it would place all propositions to be voted on throughout the state on the general candidate ballot to be used at any general election. Uniformity of hours at the polls at all elections in the state with the exception of school and township elections has also been recommended. This time would be placed at 6 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Boy Scout Notes

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they reached the city hall in Highwood last Saturday afternoon, April 4th. The three troops to take part were Troop 37, 36, and 67. All of the Scouts were given papers containing a project to work out such as demonstrating five safety rules, identifying birds and trees. Some Scouts had to make all the streets and important places. Most of the patrol leaders had the job of getting the names of all the important officers in the city hall in the year of 1930. The smaller Scouts were sent to get the names of birds. The judges were Mr. Muzik, commissioner, Mr. Roth and the troop leaders. All Scouts were working hard to get the most points. This contest took place at 3:00 to 4:00—John Memus, Troop 37, Oak Terrace School, Highwood.

The patrol ratings were as follows:

Class "A" rating:

- 1.—Cobra Patrol, Troop 67, B. Branson, patrol leader.
- 2.—Eagle Patrol, Troop 36, A. Cantagallo, patrol leader.
- 3.—Flaming Arrow, Troop 36, Richard McNiel, patrol leader.

Class "B" rating:

- 1.—Black Arrow, Troop 37, Carl Sanderhoff, patrol leader.
- 2.—Flying Eagle, Troop 37, Ralph Southerton, patrol leader.

Class "C" rating:

- 1.—Flying Horse, Troop 67, R. Knoblock, patrol leader.
- 2.—Black Bear, Troop 36, F. Shelton, patrol leader.

25 OUT OF 27 IN SCOUT UNIFORM AT MEETING

As Troop 35's meeting Friday was the last before the Hobby Show, the patrols practiced the stunts they were going to give at the Show for the majority of the time. Inspection was the first thing on the program and out of the twenty-seven Scouts present at the meeting, twenty-five had their uniforms on. One Scout came with no uniform and as it was early and the patrol was striving to get the most points for inspection, he was sent home by his patrol leader to get the uniform. After these things were attended to, we played a game of "pull across the line in the dark," as called by the troop members and then closed the meeting with the Scout Benediction.—Troop 35, Ravinia School, Art Baldauf, Scribe.

Election Commission

Creation of a state election commission to adopt necessary election law amendments would assure uniform election practices throughout the state, it is claimed. In view of confusion which would follow if all recommendations were adopted separately, the commission has urged the passage of the entire new code.

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