

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 603 Session of 2023

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 17, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled  
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,  
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,  
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating  
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;  
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;  
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,  
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and  
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to  
11 elections," in district election officers, further providing  
12 for appointment of watchers; in Pennsylvania Election Law  
13 Advisory Board, further providing for Pennsylvania Election  
14 Law Advisory Board; in recounts and contests, providing for  
15 powers and duties of the Attorney General relating to  
16 elections; and, in penalties, further providing for  
17 disobeying lawful instructions, for perjury, for false  
18 affidavits of candidates, for refusal to permit inspection of  
19 papers, destruction or removal and Secretary of the  
20 Commonwealth, for refusal to permit inspection of papers,  
21 destruction or removal and county boards of elections, for  
22 insertion and alteration of entries in documents, removal and  
23 refusal to deliver, for refusal to permit overseers,  
24 watchers, attorneys or candidates to act, for driving away  
25 watchers, attorneys, candidates or overseers, for refusal to  
26 permit election officers, clerks and machine inspectors to  
27 act and driving away said persons, for refusal to administer  
28 oath and acting without being sworn, for violation of oath of  
29 office by election officers, for peace officers, failure to  
30 render assistance and hindering or delaying county board  
31 members and others, for nomination petitions and papers and  
32 offenses by signers, for false signatures and statements in  
33 nomination petitions and papers, for nomination petitions,  
34 certificates and papers, destruction, fraudulent filing and  
35 suppression, for offenses by printers of ballots, for

1 unlawful possession of ballots and counterfeiting ballots,  
2 for forging and destroying ballots, for tampering with voting  
3 machines, for destroying, defacing or removing notices, et  
4 cetera, for police officers at polling places, for peace  
5 officer, failure to quell disturbances at polls, hindering or  
6 delaying election officers and others, for election officers  
7 permitting unregistered electors to vote, challenges and  
8 refusing to permit qualified electors to vote, for election  
9 officers refusing to permit elector to vote in proper party  
10 at primaries, for frauds by election officers, for prying  
11 into ballots, for interference with primaries and elections,  
12 frauds and conspiracy, for persons interfering in other  
13 districts, for assault and battery at polls, for unlawful  
14 assistance in voting, for election officers permitting  
15 unlawful assistance, for failure to keep and return record of  
16 assisted voters, for unlawful voting, for elector voting  
17 ballot of wrong party at primary, for repeat voting at  
18 elections, for removing ballots, for commissioners to take  
19 soldiers' votes, for fraudulent voting by soldiers, for  
20 bribery at elections, for receipts and disbursements of  
21 primary and election expenses by persons other than  
22 candidates and treasurers, for receipts of primary and  
23 election expenses by unauthorized persons, for contributions  
24 by corporations or unincorporated associations, for failure  
25 to file expense account, for prohibiting duress and  
26 intimidation of voters and interference with the free  
27 exercise of the elective franchise, for failure to perform  
28 duty, for hindering or delaying performance of duty and for  
29 violation of any provision of act.

30 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
31 hereby enacts as follows:

32 Section 1. Section 417(b) of the act of June 3, 1937  
33 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is  
34 amended to read:

35 Section 417. Appointment of Watchers.--

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37 (b) Each watcher so appointed must be a qualified registered  
38 elector of the county in which the election district for which  
39 the watcher was appointed is located and must have completed  
40 training required for poll watchers under section 1302-E(c)(8).

41 Each watcher so appointed shall be authorized to serve in the  
42 election district for which the watcher was appointed and, when  
43 the watcher is not serving in the election district for which  
44 the watcher was appointed, in any other election district in the

1 county in which the watcher is a qualified registered elector:  
2 Provided, That only one watcher for each candidate at primaries,  
3 or for each party or political body at general, municipal or  
4 special elections, shall be present in the polling place at any  
5 one time from the time that the election officers meet prior to  
6 the opening of the polls under section 1208 until the time that  
7 the counting of votes is complete and the district register and  
8 voting check list is locked and sealed, and all watchers in the  
9 room shall remain outside the enclosed space. It shall not be a  
10 requirement that a watcher be a resident of the election  
11 district for which the watcher is appointed. After the close of  
12 the polls and while the ballots are being counted or voting  
13 machine canvassed, all the watchers shall be permitted to be in  
14 the polling place outside the enclosed space. Each watcher shall  
15 be provided with a certificate from the county board of  
16 elections, stating his name and the name of the candidate, party  
17 or political body he represents. Watchers shall be required to  
18 show their certificates when requested to do so. Watchers  
19 allowed in the polling place under the provisions of this act,  
20 shall be permitted to keep a list of voters and shall be  
21 entitled to challenge any person making application to vote and  
22 to require proof of his qualifications, as provided by this act.  
23 During those intervals when voters are not present in the  
24 polling place either voting or waiting to vote, the judge of  
25 elections shall permit watchers, upon request, to inspect the  
26 voting check list and either of the two numbered lists of voters  
27 maintained by the county board: Provided, That the watcher shall  
28 not mark upon or alter these official election records. The  
29 judge of elections shall supervise or delegate the inspection of  
30 any requested documents.

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2 Section 2. Section 1302-E(c) (4) of the act is amended by  
3 adding a subparagraph and the subsection is amended by adding  
4 paragraphs to read:

5 Section 1302-E. Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board.

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7 (c) Duties.--The board shall have the following duties:

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9 (4) Evaluate and make recommendations on:

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11 (iii) The rules prescribed in the official  
12 instructions and procedures manual under paragraph (7),  
13 including provisions governing vendors contracted by  
14 counties or the Department of State for the printing or  
15 mailing of ballots.

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17 (6) Establish and collaborate with a working group with  
18 county election officials from a minimum of ten counties to  
19 prescribe rules to achieve and maintain the maximum degree of  
20 accuracy, impartiality, uniformity and efficiency of the  
21 procedures for voting and producing, distributing,  
22 collecting, counting, tabulating and storing of ballots.

23 (7) Adopt rules regarding the return of unused ballots,  
24 ballot requests, voted ballots and other election materials  
25 to and from an absent uniformed services voter, as defined by  
26 52 U.S.C. § 20310 (relating to definitions) and subject to  
27 the following:

28 (i) The rules shall be prescribed in an official  
29 instructions and procedures manual to be issued to county  
30 election officials not later than December 31 of each

1 odd-numbered year. Prior to issuance, the official  
2 instructions and procedures manual shall be submitted to  
3 the Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate,  
4 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority  
5 Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, the Majority  
6 Leader and Minority Leader of the House of  
7 Representatives, the chair and minority chair of the  
8 State Government Committee of the Senate and the chair  
9 and minority chair of the State Government Committee of  
10 the House of Representatives not later than October 1 of  
11 each odd-numbered year.

12 (ii) Each rule included in the official instructions  
13 and procedures manual under this paragraph shall provide  
14 citations to relevant provisions of the act.

15 (8) Establish standards for annual training requirements  
16 for all county election officers, poll workers, watchers and  
17 judges of elections. Training to fulfill the requirements  
18 shall be conducted online by the Department of State and  
19 shall be made available on all business days.

20 (9) Develop standards for nonpartisan qualified elector  
21 education and make the standards available to the public. The  
22 standards shall, at a minimum, address:

23 (i) qualified elector registration;

24 (ii) balloting procedures, by mail and polling  
25 place;

26 (iii) qualified elector rights and responsibilities;

27 (iv) distribution of sample ballots; and

28 (v) public service announcements.

29 (10) Receive reports from county boards of elections  
30 required under section 302, to reexamine the standards

1 developed under paragraph (9), and to use the findings in the  
2 reports as a basis for modifying the standards under  
3 paragraph (9) to incorporate successful qualified elector  
4 education programs and techniques, as necessary.

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6 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

7 Section 1778. Powers and duties of the Attorney General

8 Relating to Elections.--(a) The Attorney General shall, at

9 least 45 days prior to an election, appoint an independent

10 prosecutor to review election complaints received by the

11 Department of State and the county boards. The independent

12 prosecutor shall have experience prosecuting election law

13 violations and shall coordinate efforts with each level of law

14 enforcement. The independent prosecutor shall publish on a

15 publicly accessible Internet website a report following each

16 election that shall include:

17 (1) The total number of complaints filed and to which entity  
18 the complaint was filed.

19 (2) A summary of how each complaint was investigated by the  
20 independent prosecutor.

21 (3) Recommendations to the General Assembly, the Department  
22 of State, and county boards for reducing future complaints.

23 (b) The report under this section shall be a public record  
24 under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the  
25 Right-to-Know Law.

26 Section 4. Sections 1801, 1802, 1802.1, 1803, 1804, 1805,  
27 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815,  
28 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826,  
29 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836,  
30 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1843, 1845, 1847, 1848, 1849 and

1 1850 of the act are amended to read:

2 Section 1801. Disobeying Lawful Instructions.--Any person  
3 who wilfully disobeys any lawful instruction or order of any  
4 county board of elections, or who refuses to obey their subpoena  
5 duly issued and served under the provisions of this act, shall  
6 be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall  
7 be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~five hundred (\$500)~~]  
8 one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not  
9 exceeding [~~one (1) year~~] two (2) years, or both, in the  
10 discretion of the court.

11 Section 1802. Perjury.--Any wilful false statement made  
12 under oath or affirmation or in writing, stating that it is so  
13 made, although such oath or affirmation may not have actually  
14 been made, by any person regarding any material matter or thing  
15 relating to any subject being investigated, heard, determined or  
16 acted upon by any county board of elections, or member thereof,  
17 or by any court or judge thereof, judge of election, inspector  
18 of election, or overseer, in accordance with the terms of this  
19 act, shall be perjury, a misdemeanor of the first degree, and  
20 any person, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a  
21 fine not exceeding [~~ten thousand (\$10,000)~~] twenty thousand  
22 (\$20,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more  
23 than [~~five (5)~~] ten (10) years, or both, in the discretion of  
24 the court.

25 Section 1802.1. False Affidavits of Candidates.--Any  
26 candidate for State, county, city, borough, incorporated town,  
27 township or school district office or for the office of United  
28 States Senator or Representative in Congress or any other  
29 elective public office who knowingly makes a false statement  
30 regarding his eligibility or qualifications for such office in

1 his candidate's affidavit shall, in litigation which results in  
2 the removal of the candidate from the ballot, be liable for  
3 court costs, including filing fees, attorney fees, investigation  
4 fees and similar costs, in an amount up to [ten thousand  
5 (\$10,000)] twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars.

6 Section 1803. Refusal to Permit Inspection of Papers;  
7 Destruction or Removal; Secretary of the Commonwealth.--Any  
8 Secretary of the Commonwealth, deputy, or employe of his office,  
9 who shall refuse to permit the public inspection or copying as  
10 authorized, except when in use in his office, by this act, of  
11 any return, nomination petition, certificate or paper, other  
12 petition, account, contract, report or any other document or  
13 record in his custody which, under the provisions of this act,  
14 is required to be open to public inspection; or who shall  
15 destroy or alter, or permit to be destroyed or altered, any such  
16 document or record during the period for which the same is  
17 required to be kept in his office; or who shall remove any such  
18 document or record from his office during said period, or permit  
19 the same to be removed, except pursuant to the direction of any  
20 competent court or any committee required to determine any  
21 contested primary or election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,  
22 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine  
23 not exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand (\$2,000)  
24 dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than [one (1)  
25 month] two (2) months nor more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or  
26 both, in the discretion of the court.

27 Section 1804. Refusal to Permit Inspection of Papers;  
28 Destruction or Removal; County Boards of Elections.--Any member,  
29 chief clerk or other employe of any county board of elections,  
30 who shall refuse to permit the public inspection or copying, as



1 authorized by this act, of any general or duplicate return  
2 sheet, tally paper, affidavit, nomination petition, certificate  
3 or paper, other petition, witness list, account, contract,  
4 report or any other document or record in the custody of such  
5 county board which, under the provisions of this act, is  
6 required to be open to public inspection; or who shall destroy  
7 or alter, or permit to be destroyed or altered, any such  
8 document or record during the period for which the same is  
9 required to be kept in the office of such county board; or who  
10 shall remove any such document or record from the office of such  
11 county board during said period, or permit the same to be  
12 removed, except pursuant to the direction of any competent court  
13 or any committee required to determine any contested primary or  
14 election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction  
15 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~one~~  
16 ~~thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo  
17 an imprisonment of not less than [~~one (1) month]~~ two (2) months  
18 nor more than [~~two (2)]~~ four (4) years, or both, in the  
19 discretion of the court.~~

20 Section 1805. Insertion and Alteration of Entries in  
21 Documents; Removal; Refusal to Deliver.--Any member, chief clerk  
22 or employe of any county board of elections or judge, inspector  
23 or clerk of election, machine inspector, overseer, or other  
24 person, who knowingly inserts or knowingly permits to be  
25 inserted any fictitious name, false figure or other fraudulent  
26 entry on or in any registration card, district register, voter's  
27 certificate, list of voters, affidavit, tally paper, general or  
28 duplicate return sheet, statement, certificate, oath, voucher,  
29 account, ballot or other record or document authorized or  
30 required to be made, used, signed, returned or preserved for any

1 public purpose in connection with any primary or election; or  
2 who materially alters or intentionally destroys any entry which  
3 has been lawfully made therein, except by order of the county  
4 board of elections or court of competent jurisdiction, or who  
5 takes or removes any such book, affidavit, return, account,  
6 ballot or other document or record from the custody of any  
7 person having lawful charge thereof, in order to prevent the  
8 same from being used or inspected or copied as required or  
9 permitted by this act, or who neglects or refuses, within the  
10 time and in the manner required by this act, to deliver the same  
11 into the custody of the officers who are required by this act to  
12 use or keep the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and,  
13 upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
14 exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand (\$2,000) dollars,  
15 or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than [one (1) month]  
16 two (2) months or more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both,  
17 in the discretion of the court.

18 Section 1806. Refusal to Permit Overseers, Watchers,  
19 Attorneys or Candidates to Act.--Any member of a county board of  
20 elections, judge of election or inspector of election who shall  
21 refuse to permit any overseer or watcher, attorney or candidate  
22 to be present, as authorized by this act, at any session of a  
23 county board, computation and canvassing of returns of any  
24 primary or election, recount of ballots or recanvass of voting  
25 machines, as authorized by this act, or at any polling place  
26 during the time the polls are open at any primary or election,  
27 and after the close of the polls during the time the ballots are  
28 counted or voting machine canvassed and until the returns of  
29 such primary or election have been made up and signed, shall be  
30 guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be

1 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000)]  
2 two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not  
3 exceeding [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the  
4 discretion of the court.

5 Section 1807. Driving away Watchers, Attorneys, Candidates  
6 or Overseers.--Any person who by violence or intimidation shall  
7 threaten or drive away any watcher, attorney, candidate or  
8 overseer, or representative of the county board of elections, or  
9 of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, required or permitted to  
10 be present at any polling place, or who shall in any manner  
11 prevent any overseer, or representative of the county board of  
12 elections or of the Secretary of the Commonwealth from  
13 performing his duty under this act, shall be guilty of a  
14 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to  
15 pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand  
16 (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than  
17 [one (1) month] two (2) months nor more than [two (2)] four (4)  
18 years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

19 Section 1808. Refusal to Permit Election Officers, Clerks  
20 and Machine Inspectors to Act; Driving away Said Persons.--Any  
21 person, including any election officer, who shall refuse to  
22 permit any election officer, clerk or machine inspector, duly  
23 elected or appointed and authorized to act, to perform the  
24 duties imposed on him or to act as permitted by this act; or who  
25 shall by violence or intimidation threaten or drive away, any  
26 such election officer, clerk or machine inspector or who shall,  
27 in any manner, prevent any such election officer, clerk or  
28 machine inspector from performing his rights and duties under  
29 this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction  
30 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one

1 ~~thousand (\$1,000)]~~ two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo  
2 an imprisonment of not less than [~~one (1) month]~~ two (2) months  
3 or more than [~~two (2)]~~ four (4) years, or both, in the  
4 discretion of the court.

5 Section 1809. Refusal to Administer Oath; Acting Without  
6 Being Sworn.--If any judge of election or minority inspector of  
7 election refuses or fails to administer the oath to the officers  
8 of election, in the manner required by this act, or if any judge  
9 of election, inspector of election, clerk of election, or  
10 machine inspector, shall act without being first duly sworn, or  
11 if any such person shall sign the written form of oath without  
12 being duly sworn, or if any judge of election or minority  
13 inspector of election or any other person authorized to  
14 administer oaths shall certify that any such person was sworn  
15 when he was not, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon  
16 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
17 exceeding [~~one hundred (\$100)]~~ two hundred (\$200) dollars, or to  
18 undergo an imprisonment not exceeding [~~six (6) months]~~ one (1)  
19 year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

20 Section 1810. Violation of Oath of Office by Election  
21 Officers.--Any judge of election, inspector of election, clerk  
22 of election, or machine inspector who shall wilfully violate any  
23 of the provisions of his oath of office, shall be guilty of a  
24 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to  
25 pay a fine not exceeding [~~one thousand (\$1,000)]~~ two thousand  
26 (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding  
27 [~~one (1) year]~~ two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the  
28 court.

29 Section 1811. Peace Officers; Failure to Render Assistance;  
30 Hindering or Delaying County Board Members and Others.--Any

1 sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, deputy constable, police or  
2 other peace officer, who shall fail upon demand of any member of  
3 a county board of elections, judge or inspector of election, or  
4 overseer to render such aid and assistance to him as he shall  
5 request in the maintenance of peace and in the making of  
6 arrests, as herein provided, or who shall wilfully hinder or  
7 delay or attempt to hinder or delay any member of a county  
8 board, judge or inspector of election, or overseer in the  
9 performance of any duty under this act, shall be guilty of a  
10 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to  
11 pay a fine not exceeding [~~five hundred (\$500)~~] one thousand  
12 (\$1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than  
13 [~~three (3)~~] six (6) months nor more than [~~two (2)~~] four (4)  
14 years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

15 Section 1812. Nomination Petitions and Papers; Offenses by  
16 Signers.--If any person shall knowingly and wilfully sign any  
17 nomination petition or nomination paper, without having the  
18 qualifications prescribed by this act, or if any person shall  
19 set opposite a signature on a nomination petition or paper, a  
20 date other than the actual date such signature was affixed  
21 thereto, or if any person shall set opposite the signature on a  
22 nomination petition or nomination paper, a false statement of  
23 the signer's place of residence or occupation, or if any person  
24 shall sign more nomination petitions or nomination papers than  
25 permitted by the provisions of this act, he shall be guilty of a  
26 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to  
27 pay a fine not exceeding [~~one hundred (\$100)~~] two hundred (\$200)  
28 dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than [~~three~~  
29 ~~(3)~~] six (6) months nor more than [~~two (2)~~] four (4) years, or  
30 both, at the discretion of the court.

1 Section 1813. False Signatures and Statements in Nomination  
2 Petitions and Papers.--If any person shall knowingly make a  
3 false statement in any affidavit required by the provisions of  
4 this act, to be appended to or to accompany a nomination  
5 petition or a nomination paper, or if any person shall  
6 fraudulently sign any name not his own to any nomination  
7 petition or nomination paper, or if any person shall  
8 fraudulently alter any nomination petition or nomination paper  
9 without the consent of the signers, he shall be guilty of a  
10 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to  
11 pay a fine not exceeding [five hundred (\$500)] one thousand  
12 (\$1,000) dollars, or to undergo imprisonment of not more than  
13 [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the  
14 court.

15 Section 1814. Nomination Petitions; Certificates and Papers;  
16 Destruction; Fraudulent Filing; Suppression.--Any person who  
17 shall falsely make any nomination certificate or who shall  
18 wilfully deface or destroy any nomination petition, nomination  
19 certificate or nomination paper, or any part thereof, or any  
20 letter of withdrawal, or who shall file any nomination petition,  
21 nomination certificate or nomination paper or letter of  
22 withdrawal knowing the same, or any part thereof, to be falsely  
23 made, or who shall suppress any nomination petition, nomination  
24 certificate or nomination paper, or any part thereof, which has  
25 been duly filed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon  
26 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
27 exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand (\$2,000) dollars,  
28 or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year]  
29 two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

30 Section 1815. Offenses by Printers of Ballots.--Any printer

1 employed by any county board of elections to print any official  
2 ballots, or any person engaged in printing the same who shall  
3 appropriate to himself or give or deliver or knowingly permit to  
4 be taken any of said ballots by any other person than such  
5 county board of election or their duly authorized agent, or who  
6 shall wilfully print or cause to be printed any official ballot  
7 in any form other than that prescribed by such county board or  
8 with any other names or printing, or with the names spelled  
9 otherwise than as directed by them or the names or printing  
10 thereon arranged in any other way than that authorized and  
11 directed by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and,  
12 upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
13 exceeding [~~one thousand (\$1,000)~~] two thousand (\$2,000) dollars,  
14 or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than [~~six (6) months~~]  
15 one (1) year nor more than [~~five (5)~~] ten (10) years, or both,  
16 in the discretion of the court.

17 Section 1816. Unlawful Possession of Ballots; Counterfeiting  
18 Ballots.--Any person other than an officer charged by law with  
19 the care of ballots, or a person entrusted by any such officer  
20 with the care of the same for a purpose required by law, who  
21 shall have in his possession outside the polling place any  
22 official ballot, or any person who shall make or have in his  
23 possession any counterfeit of an official ballot, shall be  
24 guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, and, upon  
25 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
26 exceeding [~~five thousand (\$5,000)~~] ten thousand (\$10,000)  
27 dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [~~two~~  
28 ~~(2)~~] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

29 Section 1817. Forging and Destroying Ballots.--Any person  
30 who shall forge or falsely make the official endorsement on any

1 ballot or wilfully destroy or deface any ballot or wilfully  
2 delay the delivery of any ballots shall be guilty of a  
3 misdemeanor of the second degree, and, upon conviction thereof,  
4 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five thousand  
5 (\$5,000)] ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, or to undergo an  
6 imprisonment of not more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both,  
7 in the discretion of the court.

8 Section 1818. Tampering with Voting Machines.--Any election  
9 officer or other person who shall unlawfully open or who shall  
10 tamper with or injure or attempt to injure any voting machine to  
11 be used or being used at any primary or election, or who shall  
12 prevent or attempt to prevent the correct operation of such  
13 machine, or any unauthorized person who shall make or have in  
14 his possession a key to a voting machine to be used or being  
15 used in any primary or election, shall be guilty of a  
16 misdemeanor of the second degree, and, upon conviction thereof,  
17 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five thousand  
18 (\$5,000)] ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, or to undergo an  
19 imprisonment of not more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both,  
20 in the discretion of the court.

21 Section 1819. Destroying, Defacing or Removing Notices, Et  
22 Cetera.--Any person who shall, prior to any primary or election,  
23 wilfully deface, remove or destroy any notice or list of  
24 candidates posted in accordance with the provisions of this act,  
25 or who, during any primary or election, shall wilfully deface,  
26 tear down, remove or destroy any card of instructions, notice of  
27 penalties, specimen ballot or diagram printed or posted for the  
28 instruction of electors, or who shall, during any primary or  
29 election, wilfully remove or destroy any of the supplies or  
30 conveniences furnished by the county board of elections to any



1 polling place in order to enable electors to vote, or the  
2 election officers to perform their duties, or who shall wilfully  
3 hinder the voting of others, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,  
4 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine  
5 not exceeding [~~one hundred (\$100)~~] two hundred (\$200) dollars,  
6 or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [~~three (3)~~] six  
7 (6) months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

8 Section 1820. Police Officers at Polling Places.--Any police  
9 officer in commission, whether in uniform or in citizen's  
10 clothes, who shall be within one hundred (100) feet of a polling  
11 place during the conduct of any primary or election, except in  
12 the exercise of his privilege of voting or for the purpose of  
13 serving warrants, or in accordance with the provisions of the  
14 exception set forth in section 1207 of this act where the police  
15 station or headquarters is located in the same building or on  
16 the premises where the polling place is located or unless called  
17 upon to preserve the peace, as provided by this act, shall be  
18 guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
19 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~five hundred (\$500)~~] one  
20 thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not  
21 more than [~~one (1) year~~] two (2) years, or both, in the  
22 discretion of the court.

23 Section 1821. Peace Officer; Failure to Quell Disturbances  
24 at Polls; Hindering or Delaying Election Officers and Others.--  
25 Any mayor, chief burgess, sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable,  
26 deputy constable, police officer or other peace officer who  
27 shall neglect or refuse to clear an avenue to the door of any  
28 polling place which is obstructed in such a way as to prevent  
29 electors from approaching, or who shall neglect or refuse to  
30 maintain order and quell any disturbance if such arises at any

1 polling place upon the day of any primary or election, when  
2 called upon so to do by any election officer or any three  
3 qualified electors of the election district, or who shall  
4 wilfully hinder or delay, or attempt to hinder or delay, any  
5 judge, inspector or clerk of election, machine inspector or  
6 overseer in the performance of any duty under this act, shall be  
7 guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and, upon conviction thereof,  
8 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~one thousand~~  
9 ~~(\$1,000)~~] two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo an  
10 imprisonment of not more than [~~one (1) year~~] two (2) years, or  
11 both, in the discretion of the court.

12 Section 1823. Election Officers Permitting Unregistered  
13 Electors to Vote; Challenges; Refusing to Permit Qualified  
14 Electors to Vote.--Any judge or inspector of election who  
15 permits any person to vote at any primary or election who is not  
16 registered in accordance with law, except a person in actual  
17 military service or a person as to whom a court of competent  
18 jurisdiction has ordered that he shall be permitted to vote, or  
19 who permits any registered elector to vote knowing that such  
20 registered elector is not qualified to vote, whether or not such  
21 person has been challenged, or who permits any person who has  
22 been lawfully challenged to vote at any primary or election  
23 without requiring the proof of the right of such person to vote  
24 which is required by law, or who refuses to permit any duly  
25 registered and qualified elector to vote at any primary or  
26 election, with the knowledge that such elector is entitled to  
27 vote, shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, and, upon  
28 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
29 exceeding [~~fifteen thousand (\$15,000)~~] thirty thousand (\$30,000)  
30 dollars, and to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [~~seven~~

1 (7)] fourteen (14) years, or both.

2 Section 1824. Election Officers Refusing to Permit Elector  
3 to Vote in Proper Party at Primaries.--Any judge, inspector or  
4 clerk of election who refuses to permit an elector at any  
5 primary at which ballots are used to receive the ballot of the  
6 party with which he is enrolled, or who gives to any such  
7 elector the ballot of any party in which he is not enrolled, or  
8 any judge, or inspector of election, or machine inspector who,  
9 at any primary at which voting machines are used, adjusts any  
10 voting machine about to be used by an elector so as not to  
11 permit him to vote for the candidates of the party in which he  
12 is enrolled, or so as to permit him to vote for the candidates  
13 of any party in which he is not enrolled, shall be guilty of a  
14 misdemeanor of the first degree, and, upon conviction thereof,  
15 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [ten thousand  
16 (\$10,000)] twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, or to undergo an  
17 imprisonment of not more than [five (5)] ten (10) years, or  
18 both, in the discretion of the court.

19 Section 1825. Frauds by Election Officers.--Any judge,  
20 inspector or clerk of election or machine inspector who shall be  
21 guilty of any wilful fraud in the conduct of his duties at a  
22 primary or election, and any person who shall make a false  
23 return of the votes cast at any primary or election, or who  
24 shall deposit fraudulent ballots in the ballot box or certify as  
25 correct a return of ballots in the ballot box which he knows to  
26 be fraudulent, or who shall register fraudulent votes upon any  
27 voting machine or certify as correct a return of votes cast upon  
28 any voting machine which he knows to be fraudulently registered  
29 thereon, or who shall make any false entries in the district  
30 register, or who shall fail to insert in the voting check list

1 the voter's certificate of any elector actually voting at any  
2 primary or election, or who shall fail to record voting  
3 information as required herein, or who shall fail to insert in  
4 the numbered lists of voters the name of any person actually  
5 voting, or who shall wilfully destroy or alter any ballot,  
6 voter's certificate, or registration card contained in any  
7 district register, or who shall wilfully tamper with any voting  
8 machine, or who shall prepare or insert in the voting check list  
9 any false voter's certificates not prepared by or for an elector  
10 actually voting at such primary or election, for the purpose of  
11 concealing the destruction or removal of any voter's  
12 certificate, or for the purpose of concealing the deposit of  
13 fraudulent ballots in the ballot box, or the registering of  
14 fraudulent votes upon any voting machine or of aiding in the  
15 perpetration of any such fraud, or who shall fail to return to  
16 the county board of election following any primary or election  
17 any keys of a voting machine, ballot box, general or duplicate  
18 return sheet, tally paper, oaths of election officers,  
19 affidavits of electors and others, record of assisted voters,  
20 numbered list of voters, district register, voting check list,  
21 unused, spoiled and cancelled ballots, ballots deposited,  
22 written or affixed in or upon a voting machine, or any  
23 certificate, or any other paper or record required to be  
24 returned under the provisions of this act; or who shall conspire  
25 with others to commit any of the offenses herein mentioned, or  
26 in any manner to prevent a free and fair primary or election,  
27 shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, and, upon  
28 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
29 exceeding [fifteen thousand (\$15,000)] thirty thousand (\$30,000)  
30 dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [seven

1 (7)] fourteen (14) years, or both, in the discretion of the  
2 court.

3 Section 1826. Prying into Ballots.--Any judge, inspector or  
4 clerk of election, or other person, who, before any ballot is  
5 deposited in the ballot box as provided by this act, shall  
6 unfold, open or pry into any such ballot, with the intent to  
7 discover the manner in which the same has been marked, shall be  
8 guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be  
9 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five hundred (\$500)] one  
10 thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not  
11 more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the  
12 discretion of the court.

13 Section 1827. Interference with Primaries and Elections;  
14 Frauds; Conspiracy.--If any person shall prevent or attempt to  
15 prevent any election officers from holding any primary or  
16 election, under the provisions of this act, or shall use or  
17 threaten any violence to any such officer; or shall interrupt or  
18 improperly interfere with him in the execution of his duty; or  
19 shall block up or attempt to block up the avenue to the door of  
20 any polling place; or shall use or practice any intimidation,  
21 threats, force or violence with design to influence unduly or  
22 overawe any elector, or to prevent him from voting or restrain  
23 his freedom of choice; or shall prepare or present to any  
24 election officer a fraudulent voter's certificate not signed in  
25 the polling place by the elector whose certificate it purports  
26 to be; or shall deposit fraudulent ballots in the ballot box; or  
27 shall register fraudulent votes upon any voting machine; or  
28 shall tamper with any district register, voting check list,  
29 numbered lists of voters, ballot box or voting machine; or shall  
30 conspire with others to commit any of the offenses herein

1 mentioned, or in any manner to prevent a free and fair primary  
2 or election, he shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree,  
3 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine  
4 not exceeding [~~fifteen thousand (\$15,000)~~] thirty thousand  
5 (\$30,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more  
6 than [~~seven (7)~~] fourteen (14) years, or both, in the discretion  
7 of the court.

8 Section 1828. Persons Interfering in Other Districts.--Any  
9 person who shall on the day of any primary or election visit any  
10 polling place at which he is not entitled to vote and at which  
11 he is not entitled to be present under any provision of this  
12 act, and shall use any intimidation or violence for the purpose  
13 of preventing any election officer from performing the duties  
14 required of him by this act, or for the purpose of preventing  
15 any qualified elector from exercising his right to vote or from  
16 exercising his right to challenge any person offering to vote,  
17 or for the purpose of influencing the vote of any elector, he  
18 shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, and, upon  
19 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
20 exceeding [~~fifteen thousand (\$15,000)~~] thirty thousand (\$30,000)  
21 dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [~~seven~~  
22 ~~(7)~~] fourteen (14) years, or both, in the discretion of the  
23 court.

24 Section 1829. Assault and Battery at Polls.--Any person who  
25 shall unlawfully strike, wound or commit an assault and battery  
26 upon the person of any elector at or near the polling place  
27 during the time of any primary or election shall be guilty of a  
28 misdemeanor of the first degree, and, upon conviction thereof,  
29 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~ten thousand~~  
30 ~~(\$10,000)~~] twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, or to undergo an

1 imprisonment of not more than [five (5)] ten (10) years, or  
2 both, in the discretion of the court.

3 Section 1830. Unlawful Assistance in Voting.--Any elector at  
4 any primary or election who shall allow his ballot or the face  
5 of the voting machine voted by him to be seen by any person with  
6 the apparent intention of letting it be known how he is about to  
7 vote; or in districts in which ballots are used, shall cast or  
8 attempt to cast any other than the official ballot which has  
9 been given to him by the proper election officer; or who,  
10 without having made the declaration under oath or affirmation  
11 required by section 1218 of this act, or when the disability  
12 which he declared before any registration commission no longer  
13 exists, shall permit another to accompany him into the voting  
14 compartment or voting machine booth, or to mark his ballot or  
15 prepare the voting machine for voting by him; or who shall mark  
16 his ballot or prepare the voting machine for voting while  
17 another is unlawfully present in the voting machine compartment  
18 or voting machine booth with him; or who shall state falsely to  
19 any election officer that because of illiteracy he is unable to  
20 read the names on the ballot or ballot labels or that by reason  
21 of physical disability he cannot see or mark the ballot or enter  
22 the voting compartment without assistance or that he cannot see  
23 or operate the voting machine or enter the voting machine booth  
24 without assistance; or who shall state, as his reason for  
25 requiring assistance, a disability from which he does not  
26 suffer; or any person who shall go into the voting compartment  
27 or voting machine booth with another while voting or be present  
28 therein while another is voting, or mark the ballot of another  
29 or prepare the voting machine for voting with another, except in  
30 strict accordance with the provisions of this act; or any person

1 who shall interfere with any elector when inside the enclosed  
2 space or when marking his ballot, or preparing the voting  
3 machine for voting, or who shall endeavor to induce any elector  
4 before depositing his ballot to show how he marks or has marked  
5 his ballot; or any person giving assistance who shall attempt to  
6 influence the vote of the elector whom he is assisting or who  
7 shall mark a ballot or prepare a voting machine for voting in  
8 any other way than that requested by the voter whom he is  
9 assisting, or who shall disclose to anyone the contents of any  
10 ballot which has been marked or any voting machine which has  
11 been prepared for voting with his assistance, except when  
12 required to do so in any legal proceeding, shall be guilty of a  
13 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to  
14 pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand  
15 (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than  
16 [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the  
17 court.

18 Section 1831. Election Officers Permitting Unlawful  
19 Assistance.--Any election officer who shall permit a voter to be  
20 accompanied by another into the voting compartment or voting  
21 machine booth when the registration card of such person contains  
22 no declaration that such person requires assistance, or when  
23 such person has not made, under oath or affirmation, the  
24 statement required by section 1218 of this act, or when such  
25 election officer knows that the disability which the elector  
26 declared before any registration commission no longer exists, or  
27 who shall permit any person to accompany an elector into the  
28 voting compartment or voting machine booth, except as provided  
29 by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon  
30 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not



1 exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand (\$2,000) dollars,  
2 or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year]  
3 two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

4 Section 1832. Failure to Keep and Return Record of Assisted  
5 Voters.--Any judge of election who shall fail to record, as  
6 required by section 1218 (c) of this act, the name of each  
7 elector who received assistance or who is accompanied by another  
8 into the voting compartment or voting machine booth; or who  
9 shall insert in the record of assisted voters the name of any  
10 elector who does not receive assistance or is not accompanied by  
11 another into the voting compartment or voting machine booth; or  
12 who shall fail to record the exact disability of any assisted  
13 elector which makes the assistance necessary, or shall record in  
14 respect of any assisted elector a disability, other than that  
15 stated by the elector; or who shall fail to record the name of  
16 each person rendering assistance to an elector as prescribed by  
17 this act; or who shall knowingly record as the name of such  
18 person giving assistance a name which is not the name of such  
19 person; or who shall fail or neglect to return the record of  
20 assisted voters to the county board of elections as required by  
21 this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction  
22 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one  
23 thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo  
24 an imprisonment of not less than [two (2)] four (4) months nor  
25 more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion  
26 of the court.

27 Section 1833. Unlawful Voting.--Any person who votes or  
28 attempts to vote at any primary or election, knowing that he  
29 does not possess all the qualifications of an elector at such  
30 primary or election, as set forth in this act, shall be guilty

1 of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and, upon conviction  
2 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~ten~~  
3 ~~thousand (\$10,000)] twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, or to  
4 undergo an imprisonment of not more than [~~five (5)] ten (10)  
5 years, or both, in the discretion of the court.~~~~

6 Section 1834. Elector Voting Ballot of Wrong Party at  
7 Primary.--Any elector who shall wilfully vote at any primary the  
8 ballot of a party in which he is not enrolled, in violation of  
9 the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of  
10 the second degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
11 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~five thousand (\$5,000)]  
12 ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of  
13 not more than [~~two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the  
14 discretion of the court.~~~~

15 Section 1835. Repeat Voting at Elections.--If any person  
16 shall vote in more than one election district, or otherwise  
17 fraudulently vote more than once at the same primary or  
18 election, or shall vote a ballot other than the ballot issued to  
19 him by the election officers, or shall advise or procure another  
20 so to do, he shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree,  
21 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine  
22 not exceeding [~~fifteen thousand (\$15,000)] thirty thousand  
23 (\$30,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more  
24 than [~~seven (7)] fourteen (14) years, or both, in the discretion  
25 of the court.~~~~

26 Section 1836. Removing Ballots.--Any person removing any  
27 ballot from any book of official ballots, except in the manner  
28 provided by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the  
29 second degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced  
30 to pay a fine not exceeding [~~five thousand (\$5,000)] ten~~

1 thousand (\$10,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not  
2 more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion  
3 of the court.

4 Section 1837. Commissioners to Take Soldiers' Votes.--Any  
5 commissioner appointed by or under the provisions of Article  
6 XIII of this act who shall knowingly violate his duty or  
7 knowingly omit or fail to do his duty thereunder or violate any  
8 part of his oath, shall be guilty of perjury, and, upon  
9 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
10 exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand (\$2,000) dollars,  
11 or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year]  
12 two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

13 Section 1838. Fraudulent Voting by Soldiers.--Any person who  
14 shall vote or attempt to vote at any election by electors in  
15 military service under the provisions of Article XIII of this  
16 act, not being qualified to vote at such election, shall be  
17 guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
18 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand (\$1,000)]  
19 two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of  
20 not more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the  
21 discretion of the court.

22 Section 1839. Bribery at Elections.--Any person who shall,  
23 directly or indirectly, give or promise or offer to give any  
24 gift or reward in money, goods or other valuable thing to any  
25 person, with intent to induce him to vote or refrain from voting  
26 for any particular candidate or candidates or for or against any  
27 constitutional amendment or other question at any primary or  
28 election; or who shall, directly or indirectly, procure for or  
29 offer or promise to procure for such person any such gift or  
30 reward with the intent aforesaid; or, who with the intent to

1 influence or intimidate such person to give his vote or to  
2 refrain from giving his vote for any particular candidate or  
3 candidates or for or against any constitutional amendment or  
4 other question at any primary or election, shall give to or  
5 obtain for or assist in obtaining for or offer or promise to  
6 give to or obtain for or assist in obtaining for such person any  
7 office, place, appointment or employment, public or private, or  
8 threaten such person with dismissal or discharge from any  
9 office, place, appointment or employment, public or private,  
10 then held by him, shall be guilty of a felony of the third  
11 degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay  
12 a fine not exceeding [~~fifteen thousand (\$15,000)~~] thirty  
13 thousand (\$30,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not  
14 more than [~~seven (7)~~] fourteen (14) years, or both, in the  
15 discretion of the court.

16 Section 1840. Receipts and Disbursements of Primary and  
17 Election Expenses by Persons Other Than Candidates and  
18 Treasurers.--Any member of a political committee who shall  
19 receive or disburse any money or incur any liability for primary  
20 or election expenses, except through the treasurer of such  
21 political committee, and any person not a candidate or member of  
22 a political committee who shall receive or disburse any money or  
23 incur any liability for primary or election expenses, shall be  
24 guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
25 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~one thousand (\$1,000)~~]  
26 two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of  
27 not less than [~~one (1) month~~] two (2) months nor more than [~~two~~  
28 ~~(2)~~] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

29 Section 1841. Receipts of Primary and Election Expenses by  
30 Unauthorized Persons.--Any person or any political committee who

1 receives money on behalf of any candidate without being  
2 authorized to do so under the provisions of section 1623, shall  
3 be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall  
4 be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five thousand dollars  
5 (\$5,000)] ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or to undergo an  
6 imprisonment of not less than [one (1) month] two (2) months nor  
7 more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion  
8 of the court.

9 Section 1843. Contributions by Corporations or  
10 Unincorporated Associations.--Any corporation or unincorporated  
11 association, which shall pay, give or lend or agree to pay, give  
12 or lend any money belonging to such corporation or  
13 unincorporated association or in its custody or control, in  
14 violation of the provisions of section 1633, shall be guilty of  
15 a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced  
16 to pay a fine of not less than [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)]  
17 two thousand dollars (\$2,000) nor more than [ten thousand  
18 dollars (\$10,000)] twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). Any  
19 director, officer, agent or employe of any corporation or  
20 unincorporated association who shall on behalf of such  
21 corporation or unincorporated association pay, give or lend or  
22 authorize to be paid, given or lent any money belonging to such  
23 corporation or unincorporated association or in its custody or  
24 control in violation of the provisions of section 1633, shall be  
25 guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
26 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [ten thousand dollars  
27 (\$10,000)] twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or to undergo an  
28 imprisonment of not less than [one (1) month] two (2) months nor  
29 more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion  
30 of the court.

1 Section 1845. Failure to File Expense Account.--Any  
2 candidate or treasurer of a political committee or person acting  
3 as such treasurer who shall fail to file an account of primary  
4 or election expenses, as required by this act, shall be guilty  
5 of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
6 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five thousand dollars  
7 (\$5,000)] ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or to undergo an  
8 imprisonment of not less than [one (1) month] two (2) months nor  
9 more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion  
10 of the court.

11 Section 1847. Prohibiting Duress and Intimidation of Voters  
12 and Interference with the Free Exercise of the Elective  
13 Franchise.--Any person or corporation who, directly or  
14 indirectly--(a) uses or threatens to use any force, violence or  
15 restraint, or inflicts or threatens to inflict any injury,  
16 damage, harm or loss, or in any other manner practices  
17 intimidation or coercion upon or against any person, in order to  
18 induce or compel such person to vote or refrain from voting at  
19 any election, or to vote or refrain from voting for or against  
20 any particular person, or for or against any question submitted  
21 to voters at such election, or to place or cause to be placed or  
22 refrain from placing or causing to be placed his name upon a  
23 register of voters, or on account of such person having voted or  
24 refrained from voting at such election, or having voted or  
25 refrained from voting for or against any particular person or  
26 persons or for or against any question submitted to voters at  
27 such election, or having registered or refrained from  
28 registering as a voter; or (b) by abduction, duress or coercion,  
29 or any forcible or fraudulent device or contrivance, whatever,  
30 impedes, prevents, or otherwise interferes with the free

1 exercise of the elective franchise by any voter, or compels,  
2 induces, or prevails upon any voter to give or refrain from  
3 giving his vote for or against any particular person at any  
4 election; or (c) being an employer, pays his employes the salary  
5 or wages due in "pay envelopes" upon which or in which there is  
6 written or printed any political motto, device, statement or  
7 argument containing threats, express or implied, intended or  
8 calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of  
9 such employes, or within ninety days of any election or primary  
10 puts or otherwise exhibits in the establishment or place where  
11 his employes are engaged in labor, any handbill or placard  
12 containing any threat, notice, or information that if any  
13 particular ticket or candidate is elected or defeated work in  
14 his place or establishment will cease, in whole or in part, his  
15 establishment be closed up, or the wages of his employes  
16 reduced, or other threats, express or implied, intended or  
17 calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of his  
18 employes, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.  
19 Any person or corporation, convicted of a violation of any of  
20 the provisions of this section, shall be sentenced to pay a fine  
21 not exceeding [~~five thousand (\$5,000)~~] ten thousand (\$10,000)  
22 dollars, or such person or the officers, directors or agents of  
23 such corporation responsible for the violation of this section,  
24 shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of not more than  
25 [~~two (2)~~] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the  
26 court.

27 Section 1848. Failure to Perform Duty.--Any Secretary of the  
28 Commonwealth, member of a county board of elections, chief  
29 clerk, employe, overseer, judge of election, inspector of  
30 election, clerk of election, machine inspector or custodian or

1 deputy custodian of voting machines on whom a duty is laid by  
2 this act who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform his  
3 duty, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction  
4 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~one~~  
5 ~~thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo  
6 an imprisonment of not more than [~~two (2)] four (4) years, or  
7 both, in the discretion of the court.~~~~

8 Section 1849. Hindering or Delaying Performance of Duty.--  
9 Any person who intentionally interferes with, hinders or delays  
10 or attempts to interfere with, hinder or delay any other person  
11 in the performance of any act or duty authorized or imposed by  
12 this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction  
13 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [~~five~~  
14 ~~hundred (\$500)] one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or to undergo an  
15 imprisonment of not more than [~~one (1) year]~~ two (2) years, or  
16 both, in the discretion of the court.~~

17 Section 1850. Violation of Any Provision of Act.--Any person  
18 who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, for which a  
19 penalty is not herein specifically provided, shall be guilty of  
20 a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced  
21 to pay a fine not exceeding [~~one thousand (\$1,000)] two thousand  
22 (\$2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than  
23 [~~one (1) year]~~ two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the  
24 court.~~

25 Section 5. This act shall apply to elections held on or  
26 after the effective date of this section.

27 Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.