

and remain in the polling-room from the opening until the close of the election, and until the vote has been counted and the result ascertained, and a refusal to permit any such representation shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the courts; but no such accredited representative or challenger can demand admittance for any political party which cast less than one-fifth of all the votes in the State at the last preceding general election; the position to be held by any challenger or representative shall be outside of the guard rail; the ballot box shall not be more than six feet from said rail, inside the same; it shall be unlawful for said representatives to inquire or ascertain for what candidate or candidates any voter may intend to vote, or has voted, or to confer in the polling-room with any voter, or to aid or assist him in the preparation of his ballot. Other challengers may at the instance of the candidates be admitted in the discretion of the judges of election.

1892, ch. 55, sec. 161K.

**275.** If at any election hereafter held in the city of Hagerstown, any person shall falsely impersonate any voter and vote or attempt or offer to vote, in or upon the name of such voter, or shall vote or attempt to vote in or upon the name of any other person, whether living or dead, or in or upon any false, assumed or fictitious name, or in or upon any name not his own, or shall knowingly, wilfully or fraudulently vote more than once for any candidate for the same office, except as authorized by law; or shall vote or attempt or offer to vote in any ward without being registered therein as a legal voter; or shall vote more than once, or vote in more than one ward; or, having once voted, shall vote, or attempt or offer to vote again; or shall knowingly, wilfully or fraudulently do any unlawful act to secure for himself, or for any other person, a right or opportunity to vote; or shall by force, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery or reward, or offer or promise thereof, or otherwise unlawfully, either directly or indirectly, influence or attempt to influence any voter in giving his vote, or prevent or hinder, or attempt to prevent or hinder any qualified voter from freely exercising the right of suffrage; or by any such means induce, or attempt to induce any such voter to exercise any such right, or shall by any such means compel, or induce, or attempt to compel or induce any judge of election, or other officer of election, in any ward to receive the vote of any person not legally qualified or entitled to vote at the said election in such ward; or shall knowingly, wilfully or fraudulently interfere with, delay or hinder in any manner any judge of election, poll clerk or other officer of election, in the discharge of his duties, or by any such means, or other unlawful means knowingly, wilfully or fraudulently counsel, advise, induce or attempt to induce any judge of election, poll clerk or other officer of election whose duty it is to ascertain, proclaim, announce or declare the result of any such election, to give or to make any false certificate, document, report, or other false evidence in relation thereto; or to refuse or neglect to comply with his duty, or to violate any law regulating the same,