

26. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall vote twice at one election, he shall be liable to a presentment in the county court of the county where he may reside, and may be fined not exceeding forty dollars, and imprisoned not exceeding one month, in the discretion of the court. CHAP. 97.

Persons voting twice in the year, sentenced, &c.

27. AND BE IT ENACTED. That if any candidate, or other person or persons, shall practise force and violence, with intent to influence unduly, or to overawe, interrupt or hinder, any election to be held in virtue of this act, every person so offending shall, on conviction thereof in the county court of the county wherein such offence shall be committed, suffer such fine, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, and such imprisonment, not exceeding fifty days, as the court in their discretion shall adjudge.

Penalty on persons attempting to overawe elections, &c.

28. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any commissioned or non-commissioned officer, having the command of any soldier or soldiers quartered or posted in any district of any county in this state, to muster or embody any of the said troops, or to march any recruiting party, within the view of any place of election, during the time of holding said election, under the penalty of one hundred dollars.

Soldiers not to be mustered within view of an election

29. AND BE IT ENACTED. That if any candidate(a), at an election to be held in virtue of this act, or any other person or persons whatever, shall give or bestow, or directly or indirectly promise, any gift or reward, to secure any person's vote or ballot at any such election, or shall keep, or suffer to be kept, any house, tent, booth or other accommodation, in any part of any district at any time during the day of holding such election, and before the close thereof, at his or their expense, where any victuals or intoxicating liquors shall be gratuitously given or dealt out to voters, every such person or candidate so offending, shall, on conviction thereof in the county court of the county wherein such offence may be committed, be fined, at the discretion of the court, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, and suffer such imprisonment as the court may adjudge, not exceeding six months.

Penalty on candidates and others for bribing

(a) By 1811, ch. 204, if any candidate, or any other person, shall at any time before or on the day of election, give or bestow, or directly or indirectly promise, any gift or reward to secure any person's vote or ballot at any election, such person or candidate, so offending, shall on conviction be fined, &c.

30. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerks of the respective counties shall endorse on the certificates and polls to be delivered to them as aforesaid, the day when received, and shall be allowed, as a compensation for making out and forwarding the copies of said certificates to the governor and council aforesaid, the same compensation as is allowed for like services, to be levied and paid for by the county as his other fees.

County clerks to endorse on the books of the polls, &c. the day when received. To be compensated for services.

31. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said judges and clerks of elections respectively shall be allowed, for each election at which he attends as aforesaid, and for making the returns as aforesaid, the sum of four dollars per day(b), to be levied and paid as other county charges.

Allowance to judges and clerks of elections

(b) By 1816, ch. 46, the allowance to the judges and clerks in Allegany county reduced to two dollars per day. By December 1813, ch. 170, the sheriffs of the respective counties are allowed twelve dollars for each and every election held in such county; but if two or more elections are held on the same day, the sheriff shall not be entitled to receive more than twelve dollars for such elections. The same to be levied annually by the levy court, &c.