

*tion or canvass of votes, or of making returns thereof in any precinct, shall bring, take, order or send into, or shall attempt to bring or take or send into any place of registration, or revision of registration or of election, any distilled or spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer, or who shall at any such time and place, drink or partake of such liquor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100).*

**197. Wagers on Elections.** *Any person who shall make any bet or wager upon the result of any general, special or primary election to take place in this State shall be liable to indictment, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50), nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), to be paid to the State. Every deposit of money in any part of this State as a bet or wager upon the result of any election of this State or elsewhere shall be forfeited and paid over to the County Commissioners or County Council of the county where deposited for the use of the county; or, if deposited in the City of Baltimore, to the Mayor and City Council.*

**198. Time Off for Employees to Vote.** *At every general, special or primary election, whether national, State or municipal, hereafter held in this State, every employer, whether a body corporate, firm or individual, shall allow its or his employee or employees sufficient time, if necessary, within which to vote. For failure thereof, the employer shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall for each and every offense pay a fine not exceeding the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or be imprisoned in jail for a period not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.*

**199. General Penalty.** *Any misdemeanor under this Article for which no penalty is specially provided shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10) nor more than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250); or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.*

**200. Defenses.** *Irregularities or defects in the mode of giving notice of holding or conducting a registration or election authorized by law shall constitute no defense to a prosecution for a violation of the provisions of this Article.*

**201. Referenda.** *Every act, which by the provisions of this Article or the laws of the State, is made a crime when committed with reference to the election of a candidate, shall be equally criminal and subject to the same punishment when committed with reference to a proposition to be submitted to the people to be decided by the votes cast at an election.*

**202. Enforcement Duties of Supervisors.** *It shall be the duty of the Supervisors of Elections to aid in the prosecution of all crimes and offenses against this Article, and when, in the judgment of the Supervisors, there is probable cause for believing that an offense has been committed, it shall be their duty to cause a prosecution to be instituted in accordance with the provisions of this Article.*