

officer or employee of such city, who by solicitation or otherwise shall exert his influence either directly or indirectly to influence other officers or employes of such city to adopt his political views or to favor any particular person or candidate for office or who shall in any manner contribute money, labor or other valuable thing to any person for election purposes, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.

SEC. 289. All officers and employees shall be elected or appointed with reference to their qualifications and fitness, and for the good of the public service, and without reference to their political faith or party affiliations. It shall be unlawful for any candidate for office, or any officer in said city, directly or indirectly, to give or promise any person or persons any office, position employment, benefit or anything of value for the purpose of influencing or obtaining the political support, aid or vote of any person or persons. Every elective officer in said city shall within thirty days after qualifying, file with the city register, and publish at least once in a newspaper of general circulation, his sworn statement of all his election and campaign expenses, and by whom such funds were contributed. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor, and be a ground for removal from office.

SEC. 290. The mayor, city register or any officer in charge of the assessment of property or the collection of taxes, and each of the aldermen are hereby authorized to administer oaths and affirmations in any matter pertaining to municipal affairs and government of the city, and shall have the power to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers before them whenever it may be necessary for the more effective discharge of their duties.

SEC. 291. The board of aldermen may require all officers, whether elective or appointive, and all employees having charge of any funds or property belonging to the mayor and aldermen of Frederick to give bond in such sum as the board of aldermen shall by ordinance provide, with surety to be approved by the board, and said board may require a new bond whenever in their opinion an existing bond is insufficient.

SEC. 292. The mayor and aldermen of Frederick is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and sell bonds for such sums of money as, in its opinion, may be necessary from time