

Such statement shall also set forth that the same is as full and explicit as the affiant is able to make it.

No person shall be deemed elected to any elective office under the laws of this State, or enter upon the duties thereof, or receive any salary or emoluments therefrom, until he shall have filed the statement provided for in this section of this article; and no officer authorized by the laws of this State to issue commissions or certificates of election shall issue a commission or certificate of election to any person claiming to be elected to any office, until such statement as aforesaid shall have been made, verified and filed by such person with such officer.

Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than three hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the Court.

Ten days after the period above ascertained for the filing of said original statement shall have expired the officer with whom the same is by this section required to be filed shall notify the proper prosecuting officer of his county or Baltimore City, as the case may be, of the failure to file such statement on the part of any candidate, and within fifteen days thereafter such prosecuting officer shall proceed to prosecute for such offense.

The provisions of this section, including the provisions with respect to the time of filing said reports, shall be mandatory and not directory and must be strictly performed as above prescribed.

173. At any time within thirty days after any election or primary election held under the laws of this State, any defeated candidate at such election, or any ten duly qualified voters at such election, may present to the Circuit Court of any county, or to the Superior Court of Baltimore City, a petition setting forth under oath that corrupt practices, contrary to the provisions of any section of this article, were committed at or preliminary to such election, within the county or city aforesaid, naming the successful candidate or candidates as defendants, and praying that the facts alleged may be inquired into. The Court, upon said petition and the affidavit or affidavits filed therewith, shall promptly order such reasonable notice of such petition to be given to the defendant or defendants, and require him or them, within as short a time as may be reasonable, to answer, show cause or otherwise defend as the Court may deem just and reasonable, upon the petitioners giving security for costs in such sum of money as the Court shall deem