

filled by said election shall be filled in the same manner as would be required by law in case said vacancy had arisen from the death of the successful candidate after his election. If any candidate shall have been so found or decided to have been so guilty in person of corrupt practices, he shall be ineligible to election or appointment to any public office or employment for the period of four years from the date of said election; but the mere finding or decision that his political agent was so guilty shall not render him ineligible to office; but where the judge or judges shall decide or certify upon his or their jury's findings in any case that any such successful candidate was guilty of corrupt practices only in the person of his agent, and that (a) no corrupt practice was committed by the candidate personally and the offense was committed contrary to his order and without his sanction or connivance; (b) the offense was of a trivial, unimportant and limited character; (c) in all other respects such election was free from corrupt practice on the part of such candidate and of his political agent, then the election of such candidate shall not be void, nor shall the candidate be subject to any ineligibility therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall not impair, prevent, prejudice or preclude, or in any manner operate upon or affect any presentment, indictment or prosecution which may or might have been brought or filed against any person whatsoever or which may be pending in any Court of criminal jurisdiction in this State against any person whatever under and by virtue of said sections 162, 165, 166, 167, 168 and 173, or any of the same, as the said sections were enacted and existed prior to the passage of this act, or by reason of any violation upon the part of any person of any provision of any of the said sections as enacted and existing prior to the passage of this act, and all persons presented or indicted or who, prior to the passage of this act, may or might have been liable to presentment, indictment or prosecution for any violation of any provision of any of said sections as the same were enacted and existed prior to the passage of this act, may be prosecuted upon such presentment or indictment or may be presented, indicted and prosecuted under said sections, or any of the same, as heretofore enacted and existing, as if this act had not been passed. And every offence which has been or shall have been wholly or partly committed against any of said sections or parts thereof at the time of or prior to the passage of this act shall be dealt with, inquired into, tried, prosecuted, determined and punished and any penalty in respect to any such offence shall be imposed or inflicted and