

or which he may by law be authorized or permitted to perform, or if any persons by any of the means before mentioned or otherwise unlawfully shall, on any day of registration, revision of registration, or of election, hinder or prevent any officer of registration, judge or clerk of election, challenger or person designated as provided in this subtitle to be present at the reception or canvass of ballots, in his free attendance and presence at the place of registration or revision of registration, or of election in the election precinct, in and for which he is appointed or designated to serve or in his full and free access and egress to and from any such place of registration, revision of registration or of election, or to and from any room where such registration, revision of registration or election, or canvass of votes or making of any return and certificates thereof may be had, or shall molest, interfere with, remove or eject from any such place of registration or election or of canvassing ballots cast thereat or of making returns or certificates thereof, any such officer of registration, judge or clerk of election, challenger or person designated as provided in this subtitle to watch the reception or canvassing of any ballots except as otherwise provided in this subtitle or shall unlawfully threaten or attempt or offer to do, every such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than three months nor more than one year, or by fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both fine and imprisonment.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270KKKK. 1918 Code, sec. 439.

**414.** If any person upon the day of any election, or before the canvass of votes is completed, shall conceal or wilfully break or destroy any ballot box used or intended to be used at such election, or shall wilfully or fraudulently conceal, secrete or remove any such box from the custody of the judges of election, or any other official in charge thereof, or shall alter, deface, injure or destroy or conceal any ballot which has been deposited in any ballot box at such election which has not been counted and canvassed, or any poll list used at such election, or any report, return, certificate or any evidence in this Article required, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a felony, and shall for each and every such offense be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270LLLL. 1918 Code, sec. 440.

**415.** If at any election precinct, at any registration of voters or revision thereof, any officer of registration shall knowingly or wilfully admit any person to registration, or make any entry upon any register unless a majority of the board of registry in said precinct are present and concur, or if at any election hereafter held, any judge or clerk of election shall receive any vote or proceed with the canvass of ballots, or shall consent thereto, unless a majority of the judges of election in said election precinct are present and concur, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be ad-