

this section. The said judges before entering upon the discharge of their duties shall take and subscribe before the Mayor of said town or before a Justice of the Peace of said State in and for said County an oath or affirmation to act fairly and impartially as judges of such election, and in case of the failure of any of said persons so appointed to appear and qualify the judge or judges so appearing shall select a judge or judges to fill such vacancy, which such judge or judges shall qualify as above. They shall appoint one of their number to act as clerk, and shall keep the polls open from two o'clock P. M. to six o'clock P. M., and shall within two days after the election return under their hands the number of votes cast and for whom cast, with a copy of their oath, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, who shall file and record the same at once, and issue certificates of election to the person who shall appear by the said returns to have been elected to their respective offices, and said certificate shall be recorded among the proceedings of the Council. If any clerk of election or any person performing the duties of such clerk, shall wilfully keep a false poll list or shall knowingly insert in his poll list any false statement, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years. Every judge of such election who shall wilfully exclude any vote duly tendered, knowing that the person offering the same is lawfully entitled to vote at such election, or shall wilfully receive a vote from any person who has been duly challenged in relation to his right to vote at such election, without exacting from such person an oath or other proof of qualification, or shall wilfully omit to challenge any person offering to vote whom he knows or suspects to be not entitled to vote, and who has not been challenged, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in jail or in the penitentiary for not less than three months nor more than two years. Every judge or judges acting as clerk of any such election who shall make, sign, publish or deliver any false tally or return of an election, or any false statement of the result of an election, knowing the same to be false, or who shall wilfully deface, destroy or conceal any statement, tally or certificate of return entrusted to his care and custody, shall on conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than ten years. If any judge or judges acting as clerk of said election of whom any duty is required by this Act, shall be guilty of any wilful neglect of such duty, or any corrupt or fraudulent conduct or practice in the execution of the same, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than three years, or by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or both by such fine and imprisonment. The judges of said election while acting in the discharge of their duties as such judges are hereby clothed with authority to preserve the peace, and to pass such orders as may be necessary to carry out that object, and if any person shall wilfully disobey any lawful command of any judge of election in the execution of his or their