

drawal paper, knowing the same, or any part thereof to be falsely made, or suppress any certificate of nomination, nomination or withdrawal paper, or any part thereof, which has been duly filed, or forge or falsely make the official endorsement on any ballot, or wilfully destroy or deface any ballot, or shall take or remove any ballot outside of the enclosure provided for voting, before the close of the polls, or wilfully delay the delivery of any ballots shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail, penitentiary or house of correction, not more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the the court.

Penalty

161 ZZ. Any public officer upon whom duty is imposed by this act who shall wilfully neglect to perform such duty, or who shall wilfully perform it in such way as to hinder the objects of this act, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in jail, penitentiary or house of correction for not more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Neglect to perform duty.

161 AAA. Any ballot clerk who shall place his initials upon any ballot, save when about to deliver it to a voter in the polling room, and any person whatsoever, who shall wilfully destroy, conceal or retain any ballots duly prepared for voting, or wilfully break the seals of any package, book or block of ballots, or abstract any ballots therefrom, or have any such ballots, except for the lawful purposes in this article provided, in his possession, or any paper purporting to be an official ballot, before or during an election, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than one thousand dollars, or shall be imprisoned in jail, penitentiary or house of correction for not less than thirty days nor more than two years, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Penalties on ballot clerk.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That section one hundred and sixty-two of article twenty-two of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Washington County," sub-title "Hagerstown," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

Repeal

162. When the poll shall be closed the box wherein the ballots are deposited, shall immediately thereafter be opened by the judges of election and the said judges in the presence of one selected representative of each and every political party, whose candidates are voted for at such election to be designated in writing by said candidates, shall publicly take out the said ballots and read distinctly and aloud the name

Counting ballots