

of his duties he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days.

Penalty for
fraud.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That if any Judge or Clerk of Election shall fraudulently make any false certificate of the result of such election, or withhold, conceal or destroy any such certificate of any election returns, tally lists or poll-book, or take unlawfully from the custody of the Judges of Election, or destroy any ballot box, or withdraw therefrom illegally any ballot or ballots which have been deposited therein, or attempt or commit any violence against any person or persons having lawful charge of the same, or against any Judge or Clerk of Election in the discharge of his duty as such, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment of not more than thirty days.

Publication.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted*, That the failure to make any of the publications by this act required to be made, except the publication required by section three, shall not effect the validity of any election held under the terms of this act, but shall subject the person whose duty it is to make such publication, and who fails so to do, to the penalties prescribed by section twenty-two of this act.

Expenses.

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That no expense shall be incurred by the city of Baltimore in the conduct of any elections held under the provisions of this act.

Effective.

SEC. 26. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1886.