

than one year, or by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Interfering
with officer
of registra-
tion, etc.

96. If any person knowingly or wilfully shall obstruct, hinder or assault, or by bribery, solicitation or otherwise interfere with any officer of registration or any judge or clerk of election or challenger or person designated, as provided in this article, to be present at the reception or canvass of any ballots, in the performance of any duty required by him, or which he may by law, be authorized or permitted to perform, or if any person 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 article, 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 making returns or certificates thereof, any such officer of registration, judge or clerk of election, challenger or person designated as provided in this article, to watch the reception or canvassing of any ballots except as otherwise provided in this article, or shall unlawfully threaten or attempt or offer so 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.

Penalty.

Concealing
ballot-box,
etc.

97. 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