

political party whose candidate are voted for at each election, to be designated, in writing, by such candidates, and in case of his necessary absence, a substitute similarly selected shall be entitled to be admitted into and remain in the polling room from the opening until the close of the election, and until the vote has been counted and the result ascertained; and a refusal to permit any such representative shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the courts; but no such accredited representative or challenger can demand admittance for any political party which cast less than one-fifth of all the votes in the State at the last preceding general election; the position of challengers to be held by any challenger or representative shall be outside of the guard rail; the ballot box shall not be more than six feet from the rail, inside the same; it shall be unlawful for said representative to inquire or ascertain for what candidate or candidates any voter may intend to vote or has voted, or to confer in the polling room with any voter, or to aid or assist him in the preparation of his ballot; other challengers may, at the instance of the candidates, be admitted, in the discretion of the judges of election.

270 J. Every judge or clerk of election who shall make, sign, publish or deliver any false tally or return of election, or any false certificate or statement of the result of an election, knowing the same to be false, and every judge or clerk of election, or other officer or person who shall wilfully deface, destroy or conceal any statement, tally or certificate intrusted to his care and custody, shall, on conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than one nor more than five years, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

270 K. The judges of election may administer an oath in any inquiry they may deem necessary to be made touching the right of any person offering to vote, and if any person shall swear falsely in relation thereto, he shall, upon conviction thereof, suffer the pains and penalties of perjury.

270 L. The board of supervisors of election shall, under a penalty of five hundred dollars, provide, or cause to be provided and delivered to the judges of election in each aldermanic district, previous to or at the commencement of each election, a box for receiving the ballots, and two separate books