

Chapter 181.

AN ACT to protect primary elections and conventions of political parties in Allegany county, and to punish offences committed thereat.

Primary
elections--how
conducted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every political primary election held by any political party, organization or association, in Allegany county, for the purpose of choosing candidates for office, or the election of delegates to county conventions, shall be presided over and conducted by judges of election selected in the manner prescribed by the rules or regulations of the political party, organization or association holding such primary, and such primary election shall be held at such hours between nine o'clock in the forenoon and nine o'clock in the afternoon as may be prescribed by the party, organization or association holding the same; but such poll shall be held open not less than one hour, and the voting thereat shall be by ballot, provided, however, that such poll be public to the watchers hereinafter provided, from its commencement to the close of the canvass.

Name elector
as watcher.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That at any time before or during any such primary election held for the purpose herein provided, the candidates, or a majority thereof, named on any ticket to be voted for at such primary election, shall have the right to name one elector as watcher at the poll of such election district for such election.

When deemed
guilty of a mis-
demeanor.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if at any political primary election held by any party, organization or association in said county, any individual shall falsely personate and vote under the name of any other person, or shall intentionally vote without the right to do so, or shall wilfully and wrongfully obstruct or prevent others from voting who have the right to do so at such primary election, or shall fraudulently and wrongfully conceal or destroy ballots cast, or in any manner intentionally and wrongfully deposit ballots in any ballot box, or take them therefrom, or shall commit any other wrong tending