

and within fifteen days thereafter such prosecuting officer shall proceed to prosecute for such offense.

SEC. 169. Any wilfully false statement or entry made by any candidate for office, treasurer, political agent or any person acting as treasurer or political agent, or by any member or officer of any political committee, in any statement or account under oath required by this Act, shall constitute the crime of perjury, and be punished as such according to the laws of this State.

SEC. 170. Every officer with whom statements or accounts, or duplicates thereof are required by any section of this article to be filed, shall receive and file and preserve such statements or accounts, or duplicates thereof, in his office, and shall keep the same as part of the records thereof for at least three years after they are filed. And all such statements and accounts shall, during the hours for which the office in which they may be filed is open, be subject and open to the inspection of any citizen of this State, and copies of such statements or accounts, certified by the officer in whose office they may be so kept, under the seal of his office, shall be evidence in all the courts to the same extent as the original thereof would be if produced and proved.

SEC. 171. The following persons shall be guilty of corrupt practices and shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by another, give or offer or promise to any person any money, gift, advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or any valuable thing whatever, for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to vote, or refrain from voting, for or against any person, or for or against any measure or proposition at any election or primary election or political convention or session of the General Assembly of Maryland, or either House thereof. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, receive, accept, request or solicit from any person, candidate, committee, association, organization or corporation, any money, gift, advantage, preferment, aid, emolument, or any valuable thing whatsoever, for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to vote, or refrain from voting, for or against any person, or for or against any measure or proposition at any election or primary election or political convention. Every person who, in consideration of any money, gift, advantage, preferment, aid, emolument, or any valuable thing whatsoever, paid, received, accepted or promised to the advantage of himself or any other person, shall vote, or refrain from voting for or against any person, or for or against any measure at any such election, caucus or primary election or political convention. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, pay, give, con-