

CHAP. 9. and inquired into and acted upon all complaints concerning alleged violations of the Constitution and laws touching elections at the election next preceding, and all matters concerning the same which have come to their knowledge, or concerning which they have had any information or reasonable ground for inquiry.

**Duties of
grand juries**

SEC. 22. It shall further be the duty of the said grand juries to make presentment to said court on their said adjournment, of all judges of election who shall have failed to appear before or certify to them as aforesaid, who shall be at once arrested and held to bail to answer at the ensuing term of said court; and it shall be the duty of the State's attorney immediately to apply for, and of the court to issue a bench warrant for such arrest, and the State's attorney shall likewise lay the said presentment or presentments before the next grand jury, on the first day of their session, with the proper indictments thereupon, which it shall be the duty of the said grand jury to find on the said presentments, and the said court shall give the provisions of this article in relation to elections in charge to each and every grand jury which shall be in session at the time of any election held in said city, or next thereafter, and any failure so to do, and any neglect on the part of the judge of said court or of the State's attorney for said city to perform the duties by this section imposed on them respectively, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be acts of criminal misbehavior in office on the part of said judge and State's attorney respectively.

**Penalty for
neglects.**

SEC. 23. Any judge of election who shall wilfully neglect or shall when called on wilfully decline or refuse to exercise the power conferred on him by this article for preserving the peace on election days and securing the tranquility and freedom of elections, and the safety and uninterrupted access of the voters to the ballot boxes, shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of five hundred dollars, recoverable by civil action by said board of police in the name of the State.

Misdemeanor

SEC. 24. Any judge of election who shall wilfully and knowingly refuse a legal vote when offered or receive an illegal vote, or combine or conspire with any person or persons whatsoever to