

CHAP. 9. maltreat or injure or shall offer to maltreat or injure or shall by menace or violence or otherwise intimidate, overawe or control any voter while at the polls or going to, or returning from the same, and any person or persons who shall wilfully destroy or mutilate or attempt to destroy or mutilate any ballot that may have been deposited in any ballot box or in any box for rejected ballots in said city, or any election returns, clerks book, tally-list, poll-book, list of voters or certificates of election or who shall steal or destroy or attempt to steal or destroy any box or boxes aforementioned or withdraw or attempt to withdraw therefrom illegally any ballot or ballots which may have been deposited therein, or attempt or commit any violence against any person or persons having lawful charge of the same or against any judge or clerk of election in the discharge of his duty as such, or who shall forcibly resist the execution of any lawful order of any judge or judges of election under the provisions of this article, or of any other law, or shall on election day or while the returns of any election are being made up, forcibly resist any policeman or peace officer in the discharge of his duty at or about the polls or under this article, or shall forcibly resist any private citizen acting lawfully under the lawful order of any judge of election given in conformity with this article, or any other law for the purpose of securing the peace and freedom of any election in said city, or shall seize, take, steal, mutilate or destroy the naturalization papers or certificate or written evidence of naturalization of any naturalized voter or attempt so to do, either at or near the polls or while the said voter shall be proceeding thereto or returning therefrom, shall be deemed guilty of felony and be sentenced upon conviction thereof to confinement in the penitentiary for not less than three, nor more than six years.

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Sec. 27. If the said board of police shall have reason to believe that in the neighborhood of any election polls in the said city, or elsewhere within any election precinct of the same, there is any depot, or collection of firearms, or other weapons or ammunition, intended to be used for the purpose of intimidating or injuring voters, or interfering with the freedom or peace of any election then pending or approaching, it shall be the duty of the said