

offering the same is lawfully entitled to vote at such election, or shall wilfully receive a vote from any person who has been duly challenged in relation to his right to vote at such election, without exacting from such person an oath or other proof of qualification, or shall wilfully omit to challenge any person offering to vote whom he knows or suspects to be not entitled to vote, and who has not been challenged, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in jail or in the penitentiary for not less than three months nor more than two years.

(h) Every judge or judges acting as clerk of any such election who shall make, sign, publish or deliver any false tally or return of an election, or any false statement of the result of an election, knowing the same to be false, or who shall wilfully deface, destroy or conceal any statement, tally or certificate of return entrusted to his care and custody, shall on conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than ten years.

(i) If any judge or judges acting as clerk of said election of whom any duty is required by this Act, shall be guilty of any wilful neglect of such duty, or any corrupt or fraudulent conduct or practice in the execution of the same, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than three years, or by a fine of not more than fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or both by such fine and imprisonment.

(j) The judges of said election while acting in the discharge of their duties as such judges are hereby clothed with authority to preserve the peace, and to pass such orders as may be necessary to carry out that object, and if any person shall wilfully disobey any lawful command of any judge of election in the execution of his or their duty as such judge at any election, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or by fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or both by such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved March 8, 1945.