

make any bet or wager on the result of any election or elections to take place in this State; and any person or persons offending against this act shall be liable to indictment in the county courts of this State, if the offence be committed in any county, and in Baltimore city court if the offence be committed in Baltimore city, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined a sum not less than fifty dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, to be collected as other fines.

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Penalty for violating

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all fines collected under this act shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Western Shore for the benefit of the school fund of the State.

Fines to the School Fund

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That every deposit of money hereafter in any part of the State as a wager or bet upon elections in this State or elsewhere, shall be forfeited and paid over to the levy courts or county commissioners of the county, for the use of primary schools in said county.

Deposits of bets forfeited

To Primary School Fund

CHAPTER 393.

*An act to encourage the formation of Volunteer Companies.* Passed April 5, 1839.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this State to encourage the formation of Uniform Volunteer Companies, as affording the most prompt and efficient means to suppress insurrection and preserve order and tranquility within our borders;—Therefore,

Preamble

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That every citizen of the State, above the age of eighteen years, who shall, after the passage of this law, serve seven years successively, in a uniform volunteer company, shall after that time, be exempted from militia duty, except during war or insurrection.

Serving 7 years as a V exempts from further M. duty

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint and commission one third Lieutenant, and one Ensign, in addition to the officers already provided for by law, in every company of uniform volunteers that may be formed in this State.

3d Lieutenant and Ensign additional