

(1) Any person who knowingly or wilfully shall obstruct, hinder or assault, or by bribery, solicitation or otherwise, interfere with any officer of registration, or any judge or challenger or person designated, as provided in this article, to be present at the reception or canvass of any ballots, in the performance of any duty required by him or which he may by law be authorized or permitted to perform; or

(2) Any person by any of the means before mentioned or otherwise unlawfully who shall, on any day of registration or revision of registration or on the day of any election, hinder or prevent any officer of registration, judge, challenger or person designated as provided in this article to be present at the reception or canvass of ballots, in his free attendance and presence at the place of registration or revision of registration, or of election in the election district or precinct in and for which he is appointed and designated to serve, or in his full and free access and egress to and from any such place of registration, revision of registration or of election, or to and from any room where such registration, revision of registration or election or canvass of votes or making of any return and certificates thereof may be had; or

(3) Who shall molest, interfere with, remove or eject from any such place of registration or election or of canvassing ballots cast thereat or of making returns or certificates thereof, any such officer of registration, judge, challenger or person designated as provided in this article to watch the reception or canvassing of any ballots except as otherwise provided in this article.

(b) Violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in jail for not less than three months nor more than one year, or by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both fine and imprisonment.

#### **24-18. Destroying ballot box; defacing election records.**

If any person upon the day of any election, or before the canvass of votes is completed, shall conceal or wilfully break or destroy any ballot box used or intended to be used at such election, or shall wilfully or fraudulently conceal, secret or remove any such box from the custody of the judges or other official in charge thereof, or shall alter, deface, injure or destroy or conceal any ballot which has been deposited in any ballot box at such election which has not been counted and canvassed, or any poll list used at such election, or any report, return, certificate or any evidence in this article required, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a felony, and shall for each and every such offense be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years.

#### **24-19. Tampering with voting machines.**

Any judge or other person who shall tamper with, or damage, or attempt to damage, any voting machine to be used or being used in any election, or who shall prevent, or attempt to prevent, the correct operation of such machine, or any unauthorized person who shall make or have in his possession a key to a voting machine to be used or being used in an election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment for not more than one year, or to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both, in the discretion of the court.