

26-19. *Witnesses and costs in court proceeding.*

*The courts in which a proceeding under Section 26-18 of this article shall be filed shall have authority to tax the costs as in equity cases, and also to subpoena witnesses and require them to testify as in other civil cases, and to compel by subpoena duces tecum the production for examination of any books or papers of any kind, or of any other thing which may be required or desirable in the conduct of such inquiry. In any proceeding held under the provisions of Section 26-18, no witness shall be excused from answering any question or producing any book, paper or other thing on the ground or claim that his answer or the thing produced, or to be produced by him, may tend to incriminate or degrade him, or render him liable to a penalty, but his answer, or the thing produced by him shall not be used in any proceeding against him, except in a prosecution for perjury in so testifying.*

26-20. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

ANY PERSON WHO SHALL VIOLATE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000), OR BE IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE ~~THAT~~ THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT UNLESS A DIFFERENT PENALTY IS SPECIFICALLY PRESCRIBED FOR VIOLATION OF ANY SECTION EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE, IN WHICH EVENT THE SPECIFIC PENALTY PROVIDED FOR THIS VIOLATION SHALL BE APPLICABLE AND THE PENALTY SET FORTH IN ~~SUCH~~ THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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CHAPTER 614

(House Bill 7)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 24-26(a) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Offenses and Penalties," to