

Board of Election Laws pursuant to § 4A-2 of this title, on behalf of a candidate who is not required to file with the State board a certificate of candidacy shall be verified and endorsed in the manner and at the time required by this section. The State board shall be notified by the boards of the results of the verification.

7-2.

AS TO ANY PETITION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO:

~~{1} KNOWINGLY OR WILLFULLY TO CIRCULATE, PUBLISH, OR EXHIBIT ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CONTENTS, PURPOSE, OR EFFECT THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ANY SIGNATURE TO THE PETITION OR OF PERSUADING ANY PERSON TO SIGN IN,~~

{2} (1) REFER TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS OR A LOCAL BOARD, A PETITION TO WHICH IS ATTACHED, APPENDED, OR SUBSCRIBED ANY SIGNATURE WHICH THE PERSON KNOWS TO BE FALSE OR FRAUDULENT OR NOT THE GENUINE SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON PURPORTING TO SIGN THE PETITION OR OF THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS ATTACHED, APPENDED, OR SUBSCRIBED TO THE PETITION;

{3} (2) MAKE A FALSE AFFIDAVIT;

{4} (3) GIVE, PAY, OR RECEIVE ANY MONEY OR OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION OR INDUCEMENT FOR SIGNING THE PETITION;

{5} (4) CIRCULATE OR CAUSE TO BE CIRCULATED A PETITION, KNOWING IT TO CONTAIN FALSE, FORGED, OR FICTITIOUS NAMES;

{6} (5) KNOWINGLY SIGN HIS NAME AS A PETITIONER MORE THAN ONCE; OR

{7} (6) SIGN A PETITION, KNOWING AT THE TIME HE IS NOT QUALIFIED TO SIGN IT.

7-3.

WITH RESPECT TO §§ 7-1 AND 7-2, OF THIS SUBTITLE, EACH VIOLATION IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE AND A MISDEMEANOR, PUNISHABLE UNDER THE PENALTIES PROVIDED IN § 24-27 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1982.

Approved May 20, 1982.