

(II) IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT IT IS THE ONLY RELIEF THAT WILL PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE REMEDY, DIRECT THAT THE ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE, OFFICES, QUESTION, OR QUESTIONS INVOLVED BE POSTPONED AND RESCHEDULED ON A DATE SET BY THE COURT.

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(A) Any misdemeanor under this article for which no penalty is specially provided shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250); or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. Conviction of any criminal violation of this article shall disqualify the person convicted from serving as an election judge, board member, or as an employee of an election board for a period of four years following the conviction.

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[(g)] (B) If any candidate shall have been [so] found or decided to have engaged in any [prohibited] practice PROHIBITED BY THIS ARTICLE, he shall be ineligible to election or appointment to any public office or employment for the period of four years from the date of said election. A finding or decision that a successful candidate engaged in prohibited practices only in the person of his agent without the knowledge or consent of the candidate, and that no prohibited practice was committed [without] WITH his sanction or connivance, then the election of such candidate shall not be void, nor shall the candidate be subject to any ineligibility therefor.

[26-18.]

(a) At any time within thirty days after any regular primary or general election and within fifteen days of any special primary or special election held under the laws of this State, any defeated candidate at such election, or any ten duly qualified voters at such election, may present to the circuit court of any county a petition setting forth under oath that prohibited practices, contrary to the provisions of a specified section or sections of this article, were committed by the successful candidate or candidates or in the person of his or their agent or agents at or preliminary to such election, within the county or city in which said petition was filed, naming the successful candidate or candidates as defendants, and praying that the fact alleged may be inquired into.

(b) The court, upon the giving by the petitioners of such security for costs as the court shall deem reasonable and upon such petition and the affidavit or affidavits filed therewith, shall promptly order such reasonable notice of such petition to be given to the defendant or defendants, and require him or them, within as short a time as may be reasonable, to answer, show