## 2002 LAWS OF MARYLAND

## Subtitle 6. Canvassing.

16-601.

- (a) An election judge or other election official may not willfully and knowingly:
- (1) Make, sign, publish, or deliver a false certificate or statement of the result of the election or any other false report of any kind; or
- (2) Deface, destroy, or conceal any statement, tally, certificate, or other document entrusted to the official's care and custody.
- (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for not less than 1 year nor more than 10 years.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 33, § 16-601.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to imprisonment "in the penitentiary" is deleted as obsolete in light of CS § 9–103, which states that notwithstanding any law requiring imprisonment to be served at a specific State correctional institution, persons are to be sentenced to the jurisdiction of the Division of Correction.

Defined term: "Election" § 1–101

## Subtitle 7. Election Records and Documents.

## 16-701.

- (a) A person with custody of election records may not willfully and knowingly:
- (1) Destroy, deface, falsify, remove, or conceal any record related to voting;
- (2) Make a fraudulent entry or alteration, or permit another person to make a fraudulent entry or alteration, of any record related to voting; or
- (3) Allow any other person to do the acts prohibited in items (1) and (2) of this subsection.
  - (b) Any person who does not have custody over election items may not:
    - (1) Do an act prohibited by subsection (a) of this section; or
- (2) Advise, procure, or abet the commission of an act prohibited by subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) This section does not apply to the disposition of obsolete records in the ordinary course of the operation of the State Board or a local board.
  - (d) Each violation of this section is a separate offense.
- (e) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment [in the penitentiary] for not less than 1 year nor more than 10 years.