

"181. That any person or persons, who shall offer to bribe any person for the purpose of securing his vote, at any primary election held under the provisions of this Article, or who shall attempt by threat, intimidation or promise of reward to influence the vote of any person at such primary election, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment of not more than six months, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

"182. That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any primary election held by any political party, in any county of this State, if the members of the committee or committees of any political party subject to its provisions, shall, by unanimous vote, decide that it is not desired to hold the primary election for that particular political party, for that year, under the provisions of this Article. This decision, however, must be made and published in two county papers, if there be two, of said county, at least forty-five days prior to the time of holding the primary election of that particular political party for that year. Provided, however, that notwithstanding such decision upon the part of said committee or committees of any political party, twenty-five per centum of the members, (as shown by the vote of that party cast at the general election next preceding of any political party whose committee or committees shall so decide, as hereinbefore provided, not to avail itself of this Article, who must be registered voters of said county, may petition the said committee or committees of their party, for the said primary election to be held under the provisions of this Article, in which event said primary election about to be held by said political party in said county, shall be held under the provisions of this article. Such petition must be filed within fifteen days after notice, as herein provided with the said committee or committees of the political party, and said petition shall be filed by said committee or committees with the clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, within five days after its receipt.

"Any person signing said petition who is not a member of the political party whose committee or committees is petitioned, or any persons who signs a fictitious name to said petition shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor,