

*Corrupt Practices Prevention Act.*

- Misdemeanor, penalty. And any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to any person who shall sue for the same, together with the full costs of suit. Provided always that this Act shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to any money paid, or agreed to be paid, for on account of any legal expenses *bona fide* incurred at or concerning any Election.
- Bribery further defined. 2. The following persons shall also be deemed guilty of Bribery, and shall be punishable accordingly :—
- a. Every voter who shall, before or during any Election, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf, receive, agree, or contract for, any money, gift, loan, or valuable consideration, office, place, or employment for himself or for any other person, for voting or agreeing to vote, or for refraining, or agreeing to refrain, from voting at any Election;
- b. Every person who shall after any Election, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf, receive any money or valuable consideration on account of any person having voted or refrained from voting, or having induced any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any Election.
- Misdemeanor, penalty. And any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the sum of Fifty Dollars to any person who shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit.
- Treating defined. 3. Every Candidate at an Election who shall corruptly, by himself or by or with any person, or by any other ways or means on his behalf, at any time either before, during, or after any Election, directly or indirectly, give or provide, or cause to be given or provided, or shall be accessory to the giving or providing, or shall pay, wholly or in part, any expenses incurred for any meat, drink, entertainment, or provision, to or for any person, in order to be elected or for being elected, or for the purpose of corruptly influencing such person, or any other person, to give or refrain from giving his vote at such Election, or on account of such person having voted or refrained from voting, or being about to vote or refrain from voting, at such Election, shall be deemed guilty of the offence of treating, and shall forfeit the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars to any person who shall sue for the same, with full costs of suit; and every Voter who shall corruptly accept or take any such meat, drink, entertainment, or provision shall be incapable of voting at such Election, and his vote if given shall be utterly void and of none effect.
- Penalty. 3. Every Candidate at an Election who shall corruptly, by himself or by or with any person, or by any other ways or means on his behalf, at any time either before, during, or after any Election, directly or indirectly, give or provide, or cause to be given or provided, or shall be accessory to the giving or providing, or shall pay, wholly or in part, any expenses incurred for any meat, drink, entertainment, or provision, to or for any person, in order to be elected or for being elected, or for the purpose of corruptly influencing such person, or any other person, to give or refrain from giving his vote at such Election, or on account of such person having voted or refrained from voting, or being about to vote or refrain from voting, at such Election, shall be deemed guilty of the offence of treating, and shall forfeit the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars to any person who shall sue for the same, with full costs of suit; and every Voter who shall corruptly accept or take any such meat, drink, entertainment, or provision shall be incapable of voting at such Election, and his vote if given shall be utterly void and of none effect.
- Undue influence defined. 4. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf, make use of, or threaten to make use of, any force, violence, or restraint, or inflict or threaten the infliction, by himself or by or through any other person, of any injury, damage, harm, or loss, or in any other manner practise intimidation upon or against any person, in order to induce or compel such person to vote or refrain from voting, or on account of such person having voted or refrained from voting at any Election, or who shall by abduction, duress, or any fraudulent device or contrivance, impede, prevent, or otherwise interfere with the free exercise of the franchise of any Voter, or shall thereby compel, induce, or prevail upon any Voter either to give or to refrain from giving his vote at any Election, shall be deemed to have committed the offence of undue influence, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars to any person who shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit.
- Misdemeanor, penalty. 4. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf, make use of, or threaten to make use of, any force, violence, or restraint, or inflict or threaten the infliction, by himself or by or through any other person, of any injury, damage, harm, or loss, or in any other manner practise intimidation upon or against any person, in order to induce or compel such person to vote or refrain from voting, or on account of such person having voted or refrained from voting at any Election, or who shall by abduction, duress, or any fraudulent device or contrivance, impede, prevent, or otherwise interfere with the free exercise of the franchise of any Voter, or shall thereby compel, induce, or prevail upon any Voter either to give or to refrain from giving his vote at any Election, shall be deemed to have committed the offence of undue influence, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars to any person who shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit.
- Candidate paying for conveyance of Voters to the Poll illegal. 5. It shall not be lawful for any Candidate, or any one on his behalf, at any Election, to pay any money on account of the conveyance of any Voter to the poll, either to the Voter himself or any person on his behalf, nor to pay any money or give any valuable consideration to any Voter for or in respect of his travelling expenses for such purpose; and if any such Candidate, or any person on his behalf, shall pay any money on account of the conveyance of any Voter to the poll, or in respect of his travelling expenses, such payment shall be deemed to be an illegal payment within the meaning of this Act.
- No cockade, &c., to be given at Elections. 6. No Candidate before, during, or after any Election shall, in regard to such Election by himself or agent, directly or indirectly, give or provide to or for any person having a vote at such Election, or to or for any Inhabitant of the Electoral District, Division, or Place for which such Election is had, any cockade, ribbon, or other mark of distinction, and every person so giving or providing, shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of Ten Dollars to such person as shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit; and all payments made for or on account of any chairing, or any such cockade, ribbon, or mark of distinction as aforesaid, or of any bands of music, flags, or banners, shall be deemed illegal payments within this Act.
- Penalty. 6. No Candidate before, during, or after any Election shall, in regard to such Election by himself or agent, directly or indirectly, give or provide to or for any person having a vote at such Election, or to or for any Inhabitant of the Electoral District, Division, or Place for which such Election is had, any cockade, ribbon, or other mark of distinction, and every person so giving or providing, shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of Ten Dollars to such person as shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit; and all payments made for or on account of any chairing, or any such cockade, ribbon, or mark of distinction as aforesaid, or of any bands of music, flags, or banners, shall be deemed illegal payments within this Act.