



BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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No. 14.

An Act to prevent Bribery, Treating, and undue influence at Elections of Members of the Legislature.

[27th March, 1871.

WHEREAS it is advisable to prohibit and, as far as possible, to Preamble. prevent by Legislative Enactment, all Bribery, Treating, and undue influence at Elections of Members of the Legislature;

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

1. The following Persons shall be deemed guilty of Bribery, and Bribery defined. shall be punishable accordingly:—

a. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf, give, lend, or agree to give or lend, or shall offer, promise, or promise to procure, or endeavour to procure any money or valuable consideration to or for any voter, or to or for any person on behalf of any voter, or to or for any other person, in order to induce any voter to vote or refrain from voting, or shall corruptly do any such act as aforesaid on account of such voter having voted or refrained from voting at any Election;

b. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf, give or procure, or agree to give or procure, or offer, promise, or promise to procure, or to endeavour to procure any office, place, or employment, to or for any voter, or to or for any person on behalf of any voter, or to or for any other person, in order to induce such voter to vote or refrain from voting, or shall corruptly do any such act as aforesaid, on account of any voter having voted or refrained from voting at any Election;

c. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf, make any such gift, loan, offer, promise, procurement, or agreement as aforesaid, to or for any person, in order to induce such person to procure or endeavour to procure the return of any person to serve in the Legislature, or the vote of any voter at any Election;

d. Every person who shall, upon or in consequence of any such gift, loan, offer, promise, procurement, or agreement, procure or engage, promise or endeavour to procure the return of any person to serve in the Legislature, or the vote of any voter at any Election;

e. Every person who shall advance, or pay, or cause to be paid, any money to or to the use of any other person, with the intent that such money, or any part thereof, shall be expended in Bribery at any Election, or who shall knowingly pay or cause to be paid any money to any person, in discharge or repayment of any money wholly or in part expended in Bribery at any Election.

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