

XIV. Whenever by accident or otherwise any of the ballot boxes shall have been destroyed or lost, or have passed out of the custody of the Deputy Returning Officer, the Returning Officer shall proceed to the scrutiny of the remaining ballot boxes and shall scrutinize and report thereon as hereinbefore provided; in any of such cases the Returning Officer shall not declare any of the candidates elected, but shall make a special return of all facts in relation to the irregularity which prevented his making such declaration, together with the result of such partial scrutiny to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and the said return being submitted to a committee of either House of Parliament respectively, a new ballot, upon the warrant of the Speaker of either House respectively, may be ordered for the locality in which the ballot box may have been lost, or destroyed, or have passed out of the custody of the Deputy Returning Officer, or been otherwise tampered with, and such persons only shall be entitled to vote in such locality as had already voted therein on the said previous election, and such persons shall receive from the Returning Officer renewed certificates of qualification, and such election shall proceed as provided hereinbefore and after such notice as obtains with respect to elections generally.

Provision if one or more of the Ballot Boxes are lost.

XIV. Every Mayor, Justice of the Peace, City Clerk, Clerk of any Municipality or other person employed by them, who shall have neglected to perform any of the duties required of him under this Act, shall be subject to a penalty of not less than *five pounds*, nor more than *fifty pounds* currency; every Deputy Returning Officer who shall willfully allow any person to place more than one ticket in the ballot box, or who shall permit the said ballot box to go out of his custody and possession, or who shall reveal the voting of any person, or shall induce any person to vote for one candidate in preference to another, or shall use any persuasion or threat, shall incur a penalty of not less than pounds or more than *one hundred pounds*.

Penalty on persons failing to perform the duties hereby imposed on them.

XVI. Every person who shall either by fraud or violence carry away out of the possession of the Deputy Returning Officer the ballot box, or be aiding or abetting therein, or shall unlawfully receive or have the same in his possession, or shall put false voting tickets therein or shall put any tickets therein, save in the presence of the Deputy Returning Officer, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in the Common Gaol for any period less than two years, or in the Provincial Penitentiary for a term of not less than two nor more than five years.

Punishment for stealing Ballot Boxes, &c.

XVII. Any person forging the name of the Returning Officer or his Deputy to any document or paper used for the purposes of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of forgery, and as such liable to the punishment awarded to that crime.

Or forging any document.

XVIII. The Returning Officer and each of his Deputies shall have power to administer all oaths required to be received by them under this Act, and all false swearing shall be deemed wilful and corrupt perjury.

Administering Oaths.

XIX. All penalties under this Act may be recovered in any Court of competent jurisdiction, by action at the suit of any informer, who shall be entitled to one-half the penalty.

Recovery of Penalties.