

51.—(1) To prevent the creation of false votes, where a person claims to be assessed, or to be entered or named in any assessment roll, or claims that another person should be assessed, or entered or named in such assessment roll, as entitled to be a voter, and the assessor has reason to suspect that the person so claiming, or for whom the claim is made, has not a just right to be so assessed, or to be entered or named in the roll as so entitled to be a voter, it shall be the duty of the assessor to make reasonable inquiries before assessing, entering or naming any such person in the assessment roll.

(2) Any person whomsoever entitled to be assessed or to have his name inserted or entered in the assessment roll of a municipality, shall be so assessed, or shall have his name so inserted or entered, without any request in that behalf; and a person entitled to have his name so inserted or entered in the assessment roll, or in the list of voters based thereon, or to be a voter in the municipality, shall, in order to have the name of any other person entered or inserted in the assessment roll, or list of voters, as the case may be, have for all purposes the same right to apply, complain or appeal to a Court or a Judge in that behalf as such other person would or can have personally, unless such other person actually dissents therefrom.

(3) Any person who wilfully and improperly inserts or procures or causes the insertion of the name of a person in the assessment roll, or assesses or procures or causes the assessment of a person at too high an amount, with intent in either or any such case to give to a person not entitled thereto either the right or an apparent right to be a voter; or who wilfully inserts, or procures or causes the insertion of any fictitious name in the assessment roll, or who wilfully and improperly omits or procures or causes the omission of the name of a person from the assessment roll, or assesses or procures or causes the assessment of a person at too low an amount, with intent in either case to deprive any person of his right to be a voter, shall, upon conviction thereof before a Court of competent jurisdiction, be liable to a fine not exceeding \$200, and to imprisonment until the fine is paid, or to imprisonment in the common gaol of the county or city, for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.