

Penalty. "And every person so offending is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, and shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars to any person who sues therefor, with costs, and shall be disfranchised for a period of seven years, or, in case the offence is committed by a corporation, it shall forfeit its charter. 5

Proviso: as to lawful expenses. "Provided always, that the actual personal expenses of any candidate, his expenses for actual professional services performed, and bona fide payments for the fair cost of printing, advertising, bill posting and rent of halls or rooms for meetings, shall be held to be expenses lawfully incurred, and the payment thereof shall not be a violation of this Act." 10

Section added. 2. The following section is inserted immediately after section 108 of the said Act:—

Competent witnesses. "108A. A person offending against any provision of the next preceding section of this Act is a competent witness against another person so offending, and may be compelled to attend and testify on any trial, hearing, proceeding, or investigation in the same manner as any other person. The testimony so given shall not be used in any prosecution or proceeding civil or criminal against the person testifying. A person testifying shall not therefor be liable to indictment, prosecution or punishment for the offence with reference to which his testimony was given, and may plead or prove the giving of testimony accordingly, in bar of such indictment or prosecution." 25

S. 12 repealed. 3. Section 112 of the said Act is repealed.

New s. 126. 4. Section number 126 of the said Act is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

Effect of corrupt practice by a candidate. "126. Any person who, while a candidate for the House of Commons, either before or after nomination day, is guilty of bribery, fraud, or wilful violation of any election law, shall be for ever disqualified from holding an office of trust or profit under the Government of Canada, and shall be disfranchised for the period of seven years next after his being so found guilty." 35

Section 142 amended. 5. Section 142 of the said Act is amended by substituting the words "seven years" for the words "one year" in the fifth line thereof.

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