

Officer or a Poll Clerk to enter any vote in contravention of their duty or of the law, or who themselves or by means of others acting under their orders or directions shall enter upon a poll book one or more votes, shall be guilty of felony, and may be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary or by a fine of not less than £50, in the discretion of the Court before which the case shall be brought.

possession of polls.

XII. Hereafter it shall not be lawful to treat any elector nor any assembly of electors, even at the expense of any person or persons at their ordinary place of abode; and any person who shall retail or give to drink to one or more electors or other persons, any description of spirituous or fermented liquors during the forty-eight hours of the voting in the ward or local municipality in which a poll shall be held, shall be liable to a fine of not less than £25.

Treating at elections forbidden under a penalty of £25.

XIII. All hotels, taverns, and shops in which spirituous or fermented liquors or drinks are ordinarily sold, shall be closed during the forty-eight hours of the voting in the wards or municipalities in which the polls are held, in the same manner as they should be on Sunday during Divine Service, under a penalty of £25 against the keepers thereof if they neglect to close them.

All taverns, &c., to be strictly closed during the days of voting.

XIV. Upon an information, complaint, or declaration before the Mayor or any Justice of the Peace of any municipality or ward of any city or town in which any such election shall be held, that any person has received or deposited in any place, house, or building of any description whatsoever, any spirituous or fermented liquors, to be retailed, distributed, or given to any person whomsoever between the evening previous to the nomination day and the day of the closing of such election, it shall be the duty of such Mayor or Justice of the Peace, under a penalty of £25, to authorize by warrant under his hand any constable or other person or persons to enter into such place, house, or building, to search for and seize all such spirituous or fermented liquors or drinks, and to arrest and bring before any Justice of the Peace in the District, any person who shall have so received or deposited such spirituous or fermented liquor, or who shall be found drinking thereof or distributing the same to others, for examination, and upon conviction by the evidence of one credible witness, he shall be imprisoned for the whole period of the said election or be condemned to pay a fine of £25.

Proceedings to be taken to enforce observance of above section.

XV. Any person who shall be found drunk, noisy, threatening, or provoking to quarrel or fight, at any time during such election, within the limits of the municipality in which it shall take place, shall be liable to a fine of £5; and any person who shall be guilty of any battery, within the period of time above mentioned, and within a distance of two miles from the place at which such election or any of the polls thereof shall be held, shall be deemed guilty of an aggravated assault, and shall be punished therefor by a fine of £50, or by imprisonment, or by both in the discretion of the court.

Persons found drunk and violent during elections, how punished.

XVI. Any person who, being a stranger in the local municipality or in the ward of the town or city in which an election poll shall be held, shall approach within the distance of three arpents from such poll and shall remain there, shall be liable to a fine of £4; and if such person shall refuse to go away when ordered to do so by a peace officer or

Strangers to remain at a certain distance from the poll. Penalty on refusal.