

**24-20. Fraudulent certificates or endorsements.**

Whoever shall falsely make or fraudulently deface or fraudulently destroy any certificate of candidacy or certificate of nomination or any part thereof, or file any such certificate, knowing the same or any part thereof to be falsely made, or suppress any certificate of candidacy or certificate of nomination which has been duly filed, or any part thereof, or forge or falsely make the official endorsement on any ballot shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in jail for a period not exceeding three years, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

**24-21. Removal or destruction of equipment.**

Whoever shall, during any election, remove or destroy any of the equipment, supplies or other conveniences placed in the polling places, or shall during such election remove, tear down or deface any of the cards, diagrams, ballot slips, or specimen ballots printed for the instruction of voters, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment in jail for a period not exceeding one year, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

**24-22. Offenses as to ballots and balloting in general.**

(a) The following offenses shall be misdemeanors and punishable under the provisions of this section, for any person except as in this Article otherwise provided:

(1) To allow his ballot to be seen by any person with the apparent intention of letting it be known how he is about to vote; or

(2) To place any distinguishing mark upon his ballot; or

(3) To make a false statement as to his inability to mark his ballot, or to operate a voting machine; or

(4) To interfere or attempt to interfere with any voter when inside the enclosed space in the polling room, or when marking his ballot, or when operating a voting machine; or

(5) To endeavor to induce any voter when inside the enclosed space in the polling room before voting to show how he marks or has marked his ballot; or

(6) Between the time of the opening and the closing of the polls, to open the door or other covering concealing the counters of any voting machine, except as provided by Sec. 16-11(G) of this Article.

(b) Violation of this section is punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment in jail for a period not exceeding sixty days, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

**24-23. Defacing and illegal possession of ballots; illegal electioneering.**

(a) The following offenses shall be punished as in this section provided. For any person:

(1) Wilfully to destroy or deface any ballot or to take or remove any ballot outside of the enclosure provided for voting, before the close of the polls; or