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Proviso.

and provisions of this Act; provided, that it shall not be lawful for the governing body of any political party in Montgomery county, whose rules or regulations or custom heretofore has been to nominate any of its candidates for any public office or offices by direct vote of the members of such party, to deprive the registered voters of such party of such privileges to vote directly for candidates for such office or offices, without first submitting any proposed change in this regard to a vote of the registered voters of said party.

Guilty of any
wilful
neglect of
duty, how
punished.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That any judge or clerk of primary election, member of the board of supervisors of election for Montgomery county, or member of the governing body of a party holding a primary election under this Act on whom any duty is required in this Act, shall be guilty of any wilful neglect of such duty, or any corrupt or fraudulent conduct or practice in the execution of the same, he shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars and not more than five hundred (\$500) dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for not less than thirty days and not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and the informer shall be paid one-half of the fine collected, and the other half shall be paid to the County Commissioners for the use of the public roads.

Unlawful to
keep a false
poll book,
etc.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted*, That if any clerk or judge of any primary election, or any person performing the duties thereof, shall wilfully keep a false poll list or primary election register, or shall knowingly insert in his poll list or the primary elections register any false statement, or name or statement or abbreviation of a word, or any check, alteration or mark except as in this Act provided, or who is guilty of concealing, wilfully destroying, mutilating, defacing, falsifying or fraudulently removing or secreting the whole or any part of any record, registry of voters, return or statement of votes, poll list or any papers, documents, ballots, envelopes or papers of any description in this Act directed to be made, filed or preserved permanently or until after the votes are canvassed by the proper governing body and the results finally announced, or who shall fraudulently make an entry, erasure or alteration therein, except as allowed and directed by the provisions of this Act to do, or who permits or encourages any other person to do so, shall, upon conviction thereof, be