

granted, the employee or employees to be allowed sufficient time not exceeding four hours. Any employer, whether a body corporate, firm or individual, and any officer or agent of any employer who shall refuse to allow its or his employee or employees sufficient time not exceeding four hours within which to vote or who shall directly or indirectly prevent or hinder its or his employee or employees from exercising the right herein granted by any form of inducement whatever, or by threats, express or implied, that the exercise by said employee or employees of the right herein granted will be followed by a discharge from said employment or by a reduction in salary or wages, or who shall influence or attempt to influence its or his employee or employees not to exercise the right herein granted upon any pretext whatever shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for each and every offense pay a fine not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars or be imprisoned in jail for a period not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

164. If any judge or clerk of election, or any officer of registration, revision, election or canvass or any member of any committee, or of the governing body, of any political party participating in primary elections under this Article, or any delegate to a convention or party executive, of whom any duty is required in this Article, or by any other election law of this State, 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 imprisonment in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than three years, or by a fine of not less than fifty (\$50) dollars nor more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

165. Any person selected by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of any county or of Baltimore City as a judge or clerk of election, as hereinbefore in this Article provided, who shall fail or refuse to serve as such judge or clerk of election or who having been notified by said Board of Supervisors to appear for examination of his qualifications for judge or clerk of election, shall fail or refuse so to appear for examination, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars and not more than three hundred dollars, unless it shall appear that he was not qualified for such service by reason of ill health, infirmity or old age.

166. If any officer of registration in any election precinct shall without urgent necessity absent himself from the place of registration during the hours prescribed by law for registering voters, or if any judge or clerk of election shall without