

A PERSON MAY NOT REMOVE, DEFACE, OR DESTROY EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES PLACED IN A POLLING PLACE BY ELECTION OFFICIALS DURING AN ELECTION.

(B) PENALTIES.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

16-804. TAMPERING WITH ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM.

(A) GENERALLY.

WHEN AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM IS USED, A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY AND KNOWINGLY:

(1) ACCESS THE SYSTEM UNLESS AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THE APPROPRIATE ELECTION AUTHORITY; OR

(2) TAMPER WITH OR ALTER THE HARDWARE, SYSTEM COMPONENTS, OR SOFTWARE UTILIZED BY THE VOTING SYSTEM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AFFECTING THE VOTE COUNT.

(B) PENALTIES.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$50,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS OR BOTH.

**DRAFTER'S NOTE:** This section is a new offense, added to provide a higher penalty for those who could attempt to corrupt an entire electronic voting system.

SUBTITLE 9. OTHER OFFENSES.

16-901. OFFENSES RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY OR NOMINATION.

(A) GENERALLY.

A PERSON MAY NOT FALSELY OR FRAUDULENTLY:

(1) MAKE, DEFACE, OR DESTROY A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY OR CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION OR ANY PART OF THE CERTIFICATE; OR

(2) FILE OR SUPPRESS A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY OR CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION THAT HAS BEEN DULY FILED.

(B) PENALTIES.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$100 NOR MORE THAN \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS OR BOTH.

16-902. WAGERS ON ELECTIONS.

(A) GENERALLY.