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by law be brought before such officer in his official capacity, he shall be punished by confinement in the Penitentiary, for a term not less than two nor more than five years.

ART. 251. Any legislative, executive, or judicial officer, who shall accept a bribe under an agreement, or with an understanding that his act, vote, opinion, or judgment, shall be done or given in any particular manner, or upon a particular side of any question, cause or proceeding, which is or may thereafter by law be brought before him, or that he shall make any particular nomination or appointment, shall be punished by confinement in the Penitentiary not less than two nor more than ten years.

ART. 252. Under the name of executive, legislative and judicial officers, are included the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Members of the Legislature, Judges of the Supreme and District Courts, Attorney General, District Attorneys, Chief Justices of the County Courts, Justices of the Peace, Mayors and Judges of such City Courts as may be organized by law.

ART. 253. If any person shall bribe, or offer to bribe, any clerk or other officer of either branch of the legislature, or any clerk or secretary in any department of the State Government, with the intent to influence such officer to make any false entry in any book or record pertaining to his office, or to mutilate or destroy any part of such book or record, or to violate any other duty imposed upon him as an officer, he shall be punished by confinement in the Penitentiary a term not less than two nor more than five years.

ART. 254. If any officer named in the preceding article shall accept a bribe so offered, he shall be punished by confinement in the Penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years.

ART. 255. By a "bribe," as used in this Title, and throughout this Code, is meant any gift, advantage or emolument, bestowed for the purpose of inducing an officer or other person to do a particular act in violation of his duty, or as an inducement to favor, or in some manner aid the person offering the same, or some other person in a manner forbidden by law.

ART. 256. The gift, advantage or emolument need not be direct; it may be hidden under the semblance of a sale, wager, payment of a debt, or in any other manner designed to cover the true intention of the parties. The offer or gift of the bribe must precede the act which it is intended to induce the person bribed to perform.

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ART. 257. If any person shall bribe, or offer to bribe, any elector, for the purpose of influencing his vote at any public election, he shall be punished by fine, not exceeding five hundred dollars.

ART. 258. If any elector shall accept a bribe offered as set forth in the preceding article, he shall be punished in like manner as is provided with respect to the person offering the bribe.

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Bribery of officer of election. ART. 259. If any person shall bribe, or offer to bribe, any manager, judge, or clerk of a public election, or any officer attending the same, as a consideration for some act done or omitted to be done, or to be done or omitted contrary to his official duty in relation to such election, he shall be punished, by fine, not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Officer of election accepting bribe. ART. 260. If any manager, judge or clerk of an election, or officer attending thereon, shall accept a bribe offered as set forth in the preceding article, he shall be punished in the same manner as is provided in reference to the persons offering the bribe.

Bribing person to influence voters. ART. 261. If any one shall offer or give a bribe to any person whatever, for the purpose of inducing him to persuade, or by means not amounting to bribery, to procure persons to vote at any public election, for or against any particular candidate, the person so giving or offering, and the person so accepting, shall be punished by fine, not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Furnishing money to be used in. ART. 262. If any person shall furnish money to another, to be used for the purpose of promoting the success or defeat of any particular candidate, or of any particular question submitted to a vote of the people, he shall be punished by fine, not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Attempting to influence voter by violence or threats. ART. 263. If any person shall procure, or endeavor to procure, the vote of any elector, or the influence of any person over other electors, by means of violence, or by threats of violence, or of any injury to the person or property of such elector or person threatened, he shall be punished by fine, not exceeding five hundred dollars.

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Officer opening ballot, &c. ART. 265. Any Judge, Clerk or Manager of an election, who without the consent of an elector, shall open and read, or permit to be opened and read, any ballot offered by such elector, except in counting the votes given, as provided by law, shall be punished by fine, not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Officer refusing corruptly to receive vote. ART. 266. If any Manager or Judge of an election, shall corruptly refuse to receive the vote of any qualified elector, who shows by his own oath, that he is entitled to vote, when his vote is objected to, such Manager or Judge shall be punished by fine, not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Attempting to influence vote, &c. ART. 267. Any Manager, Judge or Clerk of an election, who shall, while discharging his duties as such, attempt to influence the vote of an elector, for

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or against any particular candidate, shall be punished by fine, not exceeding two hundred dollars.

ART. 268. Any Manager, Judge or Clerk of an election, who shall, while in discharge of his duties as such, by violence or threats of violence, attempt to influence the vote of an elector for or against any particular candidate, shall be punished by fine, not exceeding one thousand dollars.

ART. 269. If any officer authorized by law to give a certificate of election shall, knowingly and corruptly, give any false certificate thereof, he shall be punished by fine, not exceeding three hundred dollars.

ART. 269a. Any officer or person having custody or charge of ballots cast in an election, who shall open and read any ballot, or who shall permit it to be done, without the consent of the elector who cast it, except when such ballot has been decided to be illegal by the lawful tribunal deciding a contested election, shall be punished by fine, not exceeding five hundred dollars.

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ART. 270. If any Magistrate or peace officer shall, knowingly, cause an elector to be arrested in attending upon, going to, or returning from an election, except in cases of treason, felony, or breach of the peace, he shall be punished by fine, not exceeding three hundred dollars.

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ART. 272. If any unlawful assembly meet at the place of holding an election, or within a mile thereof, for the purpose of preventing the holding of such election, all persons engaged in such unlawful assembly shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

ART. 273. If any person, by force, or threats of force, shall prevent, or attempt to prevent, any person from voting at a public election, he shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

ART. 274. When the means used amount to a riot or unlawful assembly, the persons engaged therein are punishable according to the provisions of Articles 271 and 272.

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CHAPTER V.

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<p>Act of Aug. 26, 1856. Illegal voting.</p>	<p>ART. 275. If any person knowing himself not to be a qualified voter, shall at any election, vote, or offer to vote, for any officer to be then chosen, he shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offence.</p>
<p>Person advising illegal voting.</p>	<p>ART. 276. Every person who shall procure, aid, assist, counsel, or advise another to give his vote at any election, knowing that the person is not duly qualified to vote, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.</p>
<p>Voting more than once at the same election.</p>	<p>ART. 277. If any voter shall knowingly give in more than one ballot at any one time of balloting at any election, or if he shall vote, or offer to vote, more than once at the same election, he shall for every such offence be fined in any sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.</p>
<p>False swearing by elector.</p>	<p>ART. 278. If any person challenged as unqualified, shall be guilty of wilful and corrupt false swearing, in taking any oath prescribed by law, he shall be punished by confinement in the Penitentiary, for not less than one nor more than five years.</p>
<p>Procuring to swear falsely.</p>	<p>ART. 279. Every person who shall wilfully and corruptly procure any person to swear falsely, as spoken of in the preceding Article, shall be punished by confinement in the Penitentiary for any time not exceeding three years, or by fine, not exceeding three thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Altering ballots, &c.</p>	<p>ART. 280. If any person shall fraudulently alter or obliterate, or wilfully secrete, suppress, or destroy any ballots, election return, or certificate of election, he shall be punished by fine, not exceeding three thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Failing to deliver returns.</p>	<p>ART. 281. If any person entrusted with the transmission of an election return, shall wilfully do any act that shall defeat the delivery thereof, or shall wilfully neglect to deliver the same, as directed by law, he shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Taking returns, to prevent.</p>	<p>ART. 282. If any person shall take away such election return from any person entrusted therewith, either by force or in any other manner, or shall wilfully do any act that shall defeat the due delivery thereof, as directed by law, he shall be punished by fine not exceeding two thousand dollars.</p>
<p>Officer guilty of wilful neglect of duty.</p>	<p>ART. 283. If any officer on whom a duty is enjoined, in any statute relating to elections, shall be guilty of a wilful neglect of such duty, or shall act corruptly, or with partiality, in the discharge of such duty, in any matter not provided for in this Title, he shall be fined in a sum not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars.</p>