

**GENERAL LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**TWELFTH LEGISLATURE,**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF TEXAS.**

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induce him to withhold the same, or disturb or hinder him in the free exercise of the right of suffrage at any election in this State, he shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not exceeding six months, and shall also be ineligible for any office in this State for the term of two years.

SEC. 55. That it shall be unlawful for any person to carry any gun, pistol, bowie-knife or other dangerous weapon, concealed or unconcealed, on any day of election, during the hours the polls are open, within a distance of one half mile of any place of election. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than one month; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any officer of the election, police officer or other person authorized to preserve the peace on the days of election.

SEC. 56. That no person shall give, sell or barter, any spirituous or intoxicating liquor to any person on the days of election; and any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be fined in a sum of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, which shall go to the school fund:

SEC. 57. That whoever, knowing that he is not a qualified elector, shall vote or attempt to vote at any election, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars, to be recovered by prosecution before any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 58. The Governor shall have supervisory control over all elections, and it shall be his duty to enforce this law, and to preserve the peace and the purity of the ballot-box by enabling every citizen to cast his ballot free from fear and intimidation; to this end he shall have control of all sheriffs and all other police officers, who shall obey his orders, and when it becomes necessary, shall call out the militia and military organizations to preserve the peace, protect life and property and suppress disturbance.

SEC. 59. That to defray the expenses of the next general election, there is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

SEC. 60. That all laws and parts of laws contrary to the provisions of this act, and all laws relating to the same subject matter, are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved August 15, 1870.