

Bribery at nominating conventions and primaries. SECTION 4479. No person shall, directly or indirectly, himself or through another, give, or promise or offer to give, or with knowledge of the same permit to be given, promised or offered, to any elector or other person any money or thing of value of any pecuniary advantage or benefit, for the purpose of inducing or influencing such elector or other person to vote for him or for any specified person at any convention or meeting or primary held for the purpose of nominating a candidate or candidates to be voted for at an election, as a nominee of such convention or meeting or primary and a candidate to be voted for at such election; nor make any such gift, promise or offer to any elector or other person for the purpose of inducing or influencing such elector or other person to sign any nomination paper for the placing of any specified name upon any primary ballot; nor ask, solicit or receive any money, thing of value or pecuniary advantage from any candidate or other person as a consideration or inducement for his vote at any such convention or meeting or primary; or for his signature to any such nomination paper; nor knowingly cause a nomination paper or papers to be signed in his behalf by more than the maximum number of qualified electors provided for his district by subdivision (5) of section 5.05. Every person violating any provision of this section shall be punished, upon conviction thereof, by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars. [1875 c. 56; R. S. 1878 s. 4479; Ann. Stats. 1889 s. 4479; Stats. 1898 s. 4479; 1903 c. 451 s. 24; Spl. S. 1905 c. 3 s. 5; Supl. 1906 s. 11—24; 1907 c. 118, 666; 1915 c. 381 s. 24]

Political contributions by corporations prohibited. SECTION 4479a. No corporation doing business in this state, shall pay or contribute, or offer, consent or agree to pay or contribute, directly or indirectly, any money, property, free service of its officers or employes or thing of value to any political party, organization, committee or individual for any political purpose whatsoever, or for the purpose of influencing legislation of any kind, or to promote or defeat the candidacy of any person for nomination, appointment or election to any political office. [1905 c. 492 s. 1; Supl. 1906 s. 4479a; 1907 c. 118]

Penalty. SECTION 4479b. Any officer, employe, agent or attorney or other representative of any corporation, acting for and in behalf of such corporation, who shall violate sections 4479a to 4479e, inclusive, shall be punished upon conviction by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of not less than one nor more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court or judge before whom such conviction is had and if the corporation shall be subject to a penalty then by forfeiture in double the amount of any fine so imposed to be collected as other actions by forfeiture are collected and if a domestic corporation, it may be dissolved, if after a proper proceeding upon quo warranto, in either the circuit or supreme court of the state to be prosecuted by the attorney-general of the state, the court shall find and give judgment that section 4479a has been violated as charged, and if a foreign or nonresident corporation, its right to do business in this state may be declared forfeited. [1905 c. 492 s. 2; Supl. 1906 s. 4479b; 1907 c. 118; 1911 c. 663 s. 462]

Fines and forfeitures; district attorney. SECTION 4479c. The violation of sections 4479a to 4479e, inclusive, by any officer, employe, agent, attorney or other representative of a corporation, shall be prima facie evidence of said violation by such corporation. All fines or forfeitures recovered under any of the provisions of sections 4479a to 4479e, inclusive, shall, when collected, be paid into the proper treasury of the county for the use of the school fund, and it is hereby made the duty of the district attorney of each county to conduct prosecutions under sections 4479a to 4479e, inclusive, upon complaint as in other actions. [1905 c. 492 s. 3; Supl. 1906 s. 4479c; 1907 c. 118; 1911 c. 663 s. 461]

A felony to aid, advise or abet violations. SECTION 4479d. Any person or persons who shall aid, abet or advise a violation of sections 4479a to 4479e, inclusive, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished as in section 4479a. [1905 c. 492 s. 4; Supl. 1906 s. 4479d; 1907 c. 118; 1911 c. 663 s. 462]

Place of trial. SECTION 4479e. Violations of sections 4479a to 4479e, inclusive, may be prosecuted in the county where such payment or contribution is made or services rendered or in any county wherein such money has been paid or distributed. [1905 c. 492 s. 5; Supl. 1906 s. 4479e; 1907 c. 118; 1911 c. 663 s. 461]

Use of threats, etc., on elector. SECTION 4480. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf, make use of or threaten to make use of any force, violence or restraint in order to induce or compel any person to vote or refrain from voting at any election, or who shall, by abduction, duress or any fraudulent device or contrivance, impede or prevent the free exercise of the franchise at any election, or shall thereby compel, induce or prevail upon any elector either to give