

Section 1: The Petitioner Compensation Reform Act

Section 2: Amendments to Title 16.1 Chapter 16.1-01 Section 16.1-01-12

16.1-01-12. Election offenses - Penalty.

1. It is unlawful for an individual, measure committee as described in section 16.1-08.1-01, or other organization to:
 - a. Fraudulently alter another individual's ballot, substitute one ballot for another, or otherwise defraud a voter of that voter's vote.
 - b. Cause a disturbance, breach the peace, or obstruct a qualified elector or a member of the election board on the way to or at a polling place.
 - c. Vote more than once in any election.
 - d. Knowingly vote in the wrong election precinct or district.
 - e. Disobey the lawful command of an election officer as defined in chapter 16.1-05.
 - f. Knowingly exclude a qualified elector from voting or knowingly allow an unqualified individual to vote.
 - g. Knowingly vote when not qualified to do so.
 - h. Sign an initiative, referendum, recall, or any other election petition when not qualified to do so.
 - i. Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or any other election petition not in its entirety or when unqualified to do so.
 - j. ~~Pay or offer to pay any individual, measure committee, or other organization, or receive payment or agree to receive payment, on a basis related to the number of signatures obtained for circulating an initiative, referendum, or recall petition. This subdivision does not prohibit the payment of salary and expenses for circulation of the petition on a basis not related to the number of signatures obtained, as long as the circulators file the intent to remunerate before submitting the petitions and, in the case of initiative and referendum petitions, fully disclose all contributions received pursuant to chapter 16.1-08.1 to the secretary of state upon submission of the petitions. The disclosure of contributions received under this section does not affect the requirement to~~

file a pre-election report by individuals or organizations soliciting or accepting contributions for the purpose of aiding or opposing the circulation or passage of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or measure placed upon a statewide ballot by action of the legislative assembly under chapter 16.1-08.1. Any signature obtained in violation of this subdivision is void and may not be counted.

Section 3. If any provision of this act is found to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.