

**FRAUDS AT ELECTION - PREVENTION OF - SUPPLEMENT TO CONSOLIDATE
PHILADELPHIA**

Act of May 1, 1861, P.L. 575, No. 532
AN ACT

Cl. 25

Supplemental to an act to consolidate the city of Philadelphia,
passed the second day of February, one thousand eight hundred
and fifty-four, and to prevent Frauds at Elections.

Section 11. Disposition of ballot boxes in Philadelphia

The commissioners for the City of Philadelphia shall provide a fire-proof room or vault, in the public buildings of the said city, or some other suitable place, at which the judge of the elections, after the closing of the polls, and the requirements of the law have been complied with, shall forthwith there deliver to the mayor and recorder of the City of Philadelphia the said ballot boxes; that the said room or vault shall not be accessible to any other person than the mayor and recorder aforesaid, who shall be present and receive, at the said room, or vault, the ballot boxes from the return inspectors as aforesaid; that the mayor and recorder aforesaid shall not take or open, nor permit to be taken or opened, any ballot box deposited as aforesaid, for the space of one year after the same has been therein deposited, except when they shall be called upon by some court or other tribunal authorized to try the merits of such election; and after such trial or investigation it shall be the duty of the mayor and recorder aforesaid to have said box or boxes returned and deposited as aforesaid. 1861, May 1, P.L. 575, Sec. 11.

Section 12. Neglect of duty in care of ballot boxes

If any officer under this act shall neglect or fail to perform the duties herein imposed upon them, then they, or either of them, shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of five hundred dollars, and undergo an imprisonment, by separate or solitary confinement, not exceeding three years, respectively, for every such offense. 1861, May 1, P.L. 575, Sec. 12.