

Chapter 78.

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AN ACT to prohibit the canvass of supplemental returns by the State Canvassers, and to provide for punishing the officers who shall canvass such returns.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The board of State Canvassers in canvassing to ascertain the result of any election, shall canvass only the regular returns made by the county boards of canvassers, as provided in section fifty-one of chapter six of the Revised Statutes of this State, and shall in no case canvass or count any additional or supplemental returns or statements made by any county board of canvassers or by any other board or persons whatever; nor shall such board of State Canvassers canvass or count any statement or return of the result of any canvass which shall have been made by any county board of canvassers at any other time than that mentioned in said section fifty-one.

To canvass only regular returns.

SEC. 2. The canvassing of any additional or supplemental returns or statements, or of any statement or return, mentioned in the last clause of the preceding section, shall be deemed and held to be a felony, and any member of the board of State Canvassers who shall certify any statement to be correct, as provided in section seventy-four of chapter six of the revised statutes, which shall include or contain any votes received by the said board or any member thereof, in the form of additional or supplemental returns, shall be deemed and held to be guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Prison for a term not less than one nor more than five years, in the discretion of the court.

To canvass other than regular returns deemed a felony—punishment.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved May 7th, 1858.