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PUBLIC JUSTICE.

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Chapter 78.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to offenses against Public Justice.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Sec. 6, ch. 122, R S.,amended. Section six of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, coroners or their deputies, within the several counties, and constables, marshals, deputy marshals and other officers of police of the several cities and towns, are declared to be executive officers within the meaning of this section, but the enumeration of such officers shall not be held to exclude any other officer not specially mentioned herein ;' so that said section shall read :

Bribery and acceptance of bribes by public officers.

-penalty.

Sheriffs, etc., declared to be executive officers within meaning of this section.

'SECT. 6. Whoever gives, offers, or promises, to an executive, legislative or judicial officer, before or after he is qualified or takes his seat, any valuable consideration or gratuity whatever, or does, offers, or promises to do, any act beneficial to such officer, with intent to influence his action, vote, opinion, or judgment, in any matter pending, or that may come legally before him in his official capacity, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years, or by fine not exceeding three thousand dollars; and whoever accepts such bribe or beneficial thing, in the manner and for the purpose aforesaid, shall forfeit his office, be forever disqualified to hold any public office, trust or appointment under the state, and be punished by imprisonment for not more than ten years, or by fine not exceeding five thousand dollars. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, coroners or their deputies, within the several counties, and constables, marshals, deputy marshals and other officers of police of the several cities and towns, are declared to be executive officers within the meaning of this section. But the enumeration of such officers shall not be held to exclude any other executive officer not specially mentioned herein."

Approved March 12, 1895.