

Book I.
Title XVI.

Concerning decrees of the Senate.
(De senatus consultis.)

1.16.1. Emperors Valentinian, Theodosius and Arcadius to the Senate.

Although the decree of the Senate has perpetual validity per se, yet we also assert that to be true of our laws,¹ adding that if anyone shall attempt, by special supplication, to solicit a rescript that it be permitted him to transgress the law, he shall be fined to the extent of a third part of his property, condemned for the crime of corrupt solicitation (*ambitus*), and remain tainted with infamy.

Given at Heraclea July 26 (384).

¹ [Blume] “tamen etiam nostris legibus idem prosequimur”—Otto, Shilling and Sintennis translate: “Still we assert the same thing of our laws.” S. P. Scott translates it: “We, nevertheless, support it by our laws.” 6 [12] Scott 89. A particular senate decree (not mentioned) was evidently considered here, and the emperor states that the imperial laws are to the same effect. This statement was then transformed into a general rule by the compilers.