

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §3-12-15

## **§3-12-15. Criminal penalties.**

(a) A participating or certified candidate who, either personally or through his or her committee, knowingly accepts contributions or benefits in excess of those allowed under this article, spends or obligates funds in excess of the public campaign financing funding to which he or she is entitled or uses the benefits or funding for a purpose other than those permitted under this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or confined in jail for up to thirty days or both.

(b) A participating or certified candidate who, either personally or through his or her committee or financial agent, provides false information to, or conceals or withholds information from, the State Election Commission or the Secretary of State is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000, or confined in jail for up to one year or both.