WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1937

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 49

(By Mr. Long)

PASSED March 12, 1937

In Effect 90 days from Passage
AN ACT to amend article seven, chapter three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, by adding thereto a new section to be designated section twenty-a, relating to offenses by corporations at elections, and prescribing penalties therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article seven, chapter three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated section twenty-a, said section to read as follows:

Sec. 20-a. Attempt to Influence Political Action of Employees by Employers Prohibited. Any employer or agent of any employer or corporation, who prints or authorizes to be
printed upon any pay envelope or who distributes directly or
indirectly, or gives directly to any employee any statement
intended or calculated to influence the political action of his
employees for any candidate for public office, or posts or
exhibits in the establishment, any posters, placards, or hand-
bills, or delivers verbally any message to any such employees,
containing any threat, notice or information that if any such
candidate is elected or defeated, work in the establishment
will cease, in whole or in part, or other threats expressed
or implied, intended to influence the political opinions or
votes of his employees, shall be guilty of corrupt practices,
and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one thousand
dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars or be im-
prisoned in jail not more than one year, or both.

I certify that the foregoing act, having been presented to the Governor for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of the Legislature in which it originated within the time prescribed by the constitution of the state, has once a law without his approval.

his the ___ day of March, 1937.

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the

Takes effect

passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within this the

day of, 1937.

Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia.

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Wm. S. O'Brien,
Secretary of State