

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1937



## ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 49

(By Mr. Long)



PASSED March 12, 1937

In Effect 90 days from Passage

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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  
2 any employer or corporation, who prints or authorizes to be  
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4 printed upon any pay envelope or who distributes directly or  
5 indirectly, or gives directly to any employee any statement  
6 intended or calculated to influence the political action of his  
7 employees for any candidate for public office, or posts or  
8 exhibits in the establishment, any posters, placards, or hand-  
9 bills, or delivers verbally any message to any such employees,  
10 containing any threat, notice or information that if any such  
11 candidate is elected or defeated, work in the establishment  
12 will cease, in whole or in part, or other threats expressed  
13 or implied, intended to influence the political opinions or  
14 votes of his employees, shall be guilty of corrupt practices,  
15 and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one thousand  
16 dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars or be im-  
17 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 pre-  
scribed by the constitution of the state, has  
become a law without his approval.

This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March

1937

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*Charles B. Yarbrough*

Chairman Senate Committee

*Wesley C. Beck*

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the.....

Takes effect.....passage.

*Charles B. Yarbrough*

Clerk of the Senate

*Mo. Isaac*

Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Chas. E. Hodge*

President of the Senate

*J. H. Thomas*

Speaker House of Delegates

The within.....this the.....

day of....., 1937.

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Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State  
of West Virginia. **MAR 19 1937**

Wm. S. O'BRIEN,  
Secretary of State