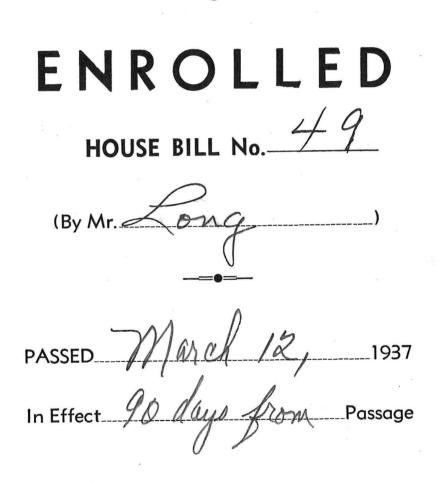
WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1937



ENROLLED House Bill No. 49

(By Mr. Long)

[Passed March 12, 1937; in effect ninety 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:

STATING ANALYSIS

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 Em2 ployees by Employers Prohibited. Any employer or agent of
3 any employer or corporation, who prints or authorizes to be

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printed upon any pay envelope or who distributes directly or 4 indirectly, or gives directly to any employee any statement 5 intended or calculated to influence the political action of his 6 employees for any candidate for public office, or posts or 7 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 will cease, in whole or in part, or other threats expressed 12 or implied, intended to influence the political opinions or 13 14 votes of his employees, shall be guilty of corrupt practices, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one thousand 15 dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars or be im-16 prisoned in jail not more than one year, or both. 17

> I certify that the foregoing act, having been presented to the Gevernor for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of the Le is at re in which it originated within the time prescribed by the constitution of the state, has one a law without his approval.

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

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L1 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 e ... 1 day of, 1937. Governor. of State Filed in the office West Virginia Wm. S. O'BRIEN, Secretary of State