

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 554

BY SENATOR WELD

[Introduced March 8, 2017; Referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §4-1-6a, relating to false swearing in a legislative proceeding; providing
3 criminal penalty; and providing disqualification from holding office or position of honor,
4 trust or profit, and serving as a juror.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
2 section, designated §4-1-6a, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES; APPROPRIATIONS;
INVESTIGATIONS; DISPLAY OF FLAGS; RECORDS; USE OF CAPITOL
BUILDING; PREFILING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS; STANDING
COMMITTEES; INTERIM MEETINGS; NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.**

§4-1-6a. False swearing in a legislative proceeding; penalty.

1 (a) A person may not willfully swear falsely, under oath or affirmation lawfully administered,
2 in a legislative proceeding concerning any matter or thing material or not material, or procure, or
3 attempt to procure, another person to do so.

4 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and,
5 upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 and, in the discretion of the court, be confined
6 in jail not more than one year.

7 (c) A person convicted of violating subsection (a) of this section is ineligible to hold any
8 office or position of honor, trust or profit in this state, and to serve as a juror.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the crime of false swearing in a legislative proceeding and penalties for violators.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.