

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2931**

By Delegate C. Pritt

[Introduced January 23, 2023; 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 §3-1-52, relating to creating a punishment for any delegate at a convention of  
 3 states who deviates from his or her authority; providing for recall; providing for a monetary  
 4 punishment; and providing for a criminal sentence.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.**

**§3-1-52. Penalty for convention of states delegate who deviates from authority.**

1 Any delegate who attends a convention of states to modify the United States Constitution  
 2 and who exceeds his or her authority at the convention is subject to mandatory, immediate recall, a  
 3 \$100,000 to \$500,000 fine, and up to 10 years in prison. Additionally, the delegate's vote or votes  
 4 shall be void.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to punish any delegate at a convention of states convention who deviates from his or her authority.

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