

**TITLE 158
LEGISLATIVE RULE
WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION**

**SERIES 10
CONTRIBUTIONS**

§158-10-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- These legislative rules establish guidelines concerning contributions for the WV Ethics Commission members and persons covered under the WV Governmental Ethics Act.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §§6B-2-1(a) and 6B-2-5(c)(4)

1.3. Filing Date. -- April 29, 1992

1.4. Effective Date. -- June 1, 1992

§158-10-2. Political Campaign Contributions.

Public officials and public employees may give or accept lawful political campaign contributions.

§158-10-3. Permitted Campaign Contributions.

3.1. Members of the Ethics Commission may contribute to a political campaign when the candidate or election committee for a candidate is required to publicly report and disclose the amount or type of contribution.

3.2. Members of the Ethics Commission who have contributed to a political candidate in any manner, shall recuse themselves from any official discussion or vote regarding the public official or candidate to whom the contribution was made.

3.3. Members of the Ethics Commission may not hold an office for a political candidate, such as a campaign manager or treasurer.

3.4. Members of the Ethics Commission may not endorse any candidate.

§158-10-4. Ballot Issue.

West Virginia Ethics Commission members may not participate in a political campaign except to vote on or make political contributions relating to a ballot issue regarding:

- a. a bond issue
- b. a levy
- c. a referendum, or
- d. a constitutional amendment.