HOUSE BILL 220

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Misconduct of public officials.

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A BILL

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1 AN ACT to create W.S. 6-8-801 through 6-8-815; to amend 6-8-503. 9-7-404 and 9-7-1133; and to repeal W.S. 2 6-4-607, 6-7-305, 6-7-306, 6-7-313, 6-8-201, 6-8-202, 3 6-8-501, 6-8-502, 6-8-505, 6-8-508 through 6-8-510, 5 9-2-338, 9-2-405, 9-7-101, 9-7-1134, 11-20-207 35-1-105(a)(ii) relating to public officials; defining and redefining crimes such as bribery, conflict of interest, 7 misconduct and wrongful appropriation; making the statutes 8 on public official's crimes consistent; providing penalties including removal from office; and providing for an 10 11 effective date.

- Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:
- 2 Section 1. W.S. 6-8-801 through 6-8-815 are created
- 3 to read:
- 4 6-8-801. Definitions.
- 5 (a) As used in this act:
- 6 (i) "Government" includes any branch, subdivi-
- 7 sion or agency of the state of Wyoming or any city, town.
- 8 county, school district or special district within it;
- 9 (ii) "Governmental function" includes any
- 10 activity which a public servant is legally authorized to
- 11 undertake on behalf of a government;
- 12 (iii) "Harm" means loss, disadvantage or
- 13 injury;
- 14 (iv) "Pecuniary benefit" is benefit in the
- form of property, but does not include acceptance of food
- 16 or drink or entertainment authorized as a proper deduct-
- 17 ible expense for income tax purposes under the United
- 18 States Internal Revenue Code up to an amount of one hun-
- 19 dred dollars (\$100.00), any item with a value of less than
- 20 twenty dollars (\$20.00), or contributions to a political

- 1 campaign of a public servant as provided in W.S.
- 2 22-25-102;
- 3 (v) "Public servant" means any officer or
- 4 employee of government, including legislators and judges,
- 5 and any person participating as juror, witness, advisor,
- 6 consultant or otherwise, in performing a governmental
- 7 function:
- 8 (vi) "This act" means W.S. 6-8-801 through
- 9 6-8-815.
- 10 <u>6-8-802</u> Bribery
- 11 (a) A person commits bribery, if:
- 12 (i) He offers, confers or agrees to confer any
- 13 pecuniary benefit, testimonial, privilege or personal
- 14 advantage upon a public servant as consideration for the
- 15 public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, exercise of
- 16 discretion or other action in his official capacity; or
- 17 (ii) While a public servant, he solicits,
- 18 accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit, testi-
- 19 monial, privilege or personal advantage upon an agreement
- 20 or understanding that his vote, opinion, judgment, exer-
- 21 cise of discretion or other action as a public servant

- will thereby be influenced.
- 2 (b) It is no defense to a prosecution under this
- 3 section that the person sought to be influenced was not
- 4 qualified to act in the desired way, whether because he
- 5 had not yet assumed office or lacked jurisdiction.
- 6 (c) Bribery is a felony punishable by a fine of not
- 7 more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), imprison-
- 8 ment for not more than five (5) years. or both.
- 9 6-8-803. Compensation for past official behavior.
- (a) A person commits an offense if he solicits,

 11 accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit as

 12 compensation for having, as a public servant, given a

 13 decision, opinion, recommendation or vote favorable to

 14 another, or for having otherwise exercised a discretion in

 15 his favor, or for having violated his statutory duties.

 16 For purposes of this section, "compensation" does not
- 17 include mere acceptance of an offer of employment.
- (b) Compensation for past official behavior is a felony punishable by a fine of not more than fifteen thouand dollars (\$15.000.00), imprisonment for not more than
- 21 five (5) years, or both.

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6-8-804. Soliciting unlawful compensation.

- (a) A public servant commits soliciting unlawful compensation if he solicits, accepts, or agrees to accept a pecuniary benefit for the performance of an official action knowing that he was required to perform that action without compensation or at a level of compensation lower than that requested.
- 8 (b) Soliciting unlawful compensation is a mis-9 demeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thou-10 sand dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for not more than 11 one (1) year, or both.

12 <u>6-8-805. Designation of supplier.</u>

- (a) No public servant shall require or direct a bidder or contractor to deal with a particular person in procuring any goods or service required in submitting a bid to or fulfilling a contract with any government.
- 17 (b) A provision in an invitation to bid or a con18 tract document which violates this section is against
 19 public policy and voidable.
- 20 (c) It is an affirmative defense that the defendant 21 was a public servant acting within the scope of his

- 1 authority exercising the right to reject any material.
- 2 subcontractor, service, bond or contract tendered by a
- 3 bidder or contractor because it did not meet bona fide
- 4 specifications or requirements relating to quality, avail-
- 5 ability, experience or financial responsibility.
- 6 (d) Designating a supplier is a misdemeanor punish-
- 7 able by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
- 8 (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year,
- 9 or both.

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10 6-8-806. Conflict of interest.

- 11 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
 12 section, a public servant commits an offense if he
 13 requests or receives any pecuniary benefit other than
 14 lawful compensation on any contract, or for the letting of
 15 any contract, or making any appointment where the govern16 ment employing or subject to the discretion or decisions
 17 of the public servant is concerned.
 - (b) If any public servant discloses the nature and extent of his pecuniary interest to all parties concerned therewith and does not participate during the considerations and vote thereon and does not attempt to influence any of the parties and does not act for the governing body

- with respect to the contracts or appointments, then the
- 2 acts are not unlawful under subsection (a) of this
- 3 section. Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to
- 4 the operation, administration, inspection or performance
- 5 of banking and deposit contracts or relationships after
- 6 the selection of a depository.
- 7 (c) Violation of subsection (a) of this section is a
- 8 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five
- 9 thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), imprisonment for not more
- than one (1) year, or both.
- 11 6-8-807. Official misconduct.
- 12 (a) A public servant commits official misconduct if,
- 13 with intent to obtain a pecuniary benefit or maliciously
- 14 to cause harm to another, he knowingly:
- 15 (i) Commits an unauthorized act relating to
- 16 his official duties;
- 17 (ii) Refrains from performing a duty imposed
- 18 upon him by law; or
- 19 (iii) Violates any statute relating to his
- 20 official duties.
- 21 (b) Official misconduct is a misdemeanor punishable

- 1 by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars
- 2 (\$5,000.00), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year,
- 3 or both.

4 6-8-808. Issuing a false certificate.

- 5 (a) A public servant commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars 6 7 (\$5,000.00), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, 8 or both, if he makes and issues an official certificate or 9 other official written instrument which he is authorized to make and issue containing a statement which he knows to 10 11 be false with intent to obtain a pecuniary benefit or maliciously to cause harm to another. 12
- (b) A public servant commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty
 dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6)
 months, or both, if he makes and issues an official
 certificate or other official written instrument which he
 is authorized to make and issue containing a statement
 which he knows to be false.

20 6-8-809. Embezzlement of public property.

21 (a) Every public servant who lawfully or unlawfully 22 comes into possession of any monies or property of any

- 1 government and who: with intent permanently to deprive the
- 2 owner of its use and benefit, knowingly converts any of
- 3 the public monies or property to his own use or to any use
- 4 other than the public use authorized by law is guilty of
- 5 embezzlement of public property.

(b) Embezzlement of public property is:

- 7 (i) A felony punishable by a fine of not more
- 8 than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), imprisonment
- 9 for not more than ten (10) years, or both, if the value of
- the money or property is two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or
- 11 more; and -
- 12 (ii) A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not
- 13 more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprison-
- 14 ment for not more than six (6) months, or both, if the
- 15 value of the money or property is less than two hundred
- 16 dollars (\$200.00).

17 6-8-810. Wrongful appropriation of public property.

- 18 (a) Every public servant who lawfully or unlawfully
- 19 comes into possession of any monies or property of any
- 20 government and who, with intent temporarily to deprive the
- 21 owner of its use and benefit, converts any of the public
- 22 monies or property to his own use or any use other than

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- the public use authorized by law is guilty of wrongful
- 2 appropriation of public property.

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- 3 (b) Wrongful appropriation is a misdemeanor punish-4 able by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty 5 dollars (\$750.00). imprisonment for not more than six (6)
- 6-8-811. Failure to account. A public servant who
 fails or refuses to account for deliver and pay over to
 the person legally entitled to receive money or property
 received by virtue of the office, when legally required by
 the proper person or authority, is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
 (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year,

15 6-8-812. Mistreating persons in institutions.

- 16 (a) A person commits a felony punishable by
 17 imprisonment for not more than three (3) years if he:
- (i) Is responsible for the care of a person in 19 a reformatory, penal or charitable institution or a mental 20 hospital and treats him with unnecessary severity, 21 harshness or cruelty; or

- (ii) Is an officer required by law to perform
 an act with regard to persons in a reformatory, penal or
- 3 charitable institution or a mental hospital and he
- 4 willfully refuses or neglects to perform the act.
- 5 (b) This section does not bar prosecution under any
- 6 other criminal statute of a person responsible for the
- 7 care of a person in a reformatory, penal or charitable
- 8 institution or a mental hospital even if he also violates
- 9 this section.
- 10 6-8-813. Removal from office. A judgment of convic-
- 11 tion rendered under W.S. 6-8-802 through 6-8-812 against
- 12 any public servant, except state elected officials,
- 13 supreme court justices, district court judges and county
- 14 court judges shall result in removal from office or dis-
- 15 charge from employment.

16 6-8-814. Notaries public: false certificates.

- 17 (a) A notary public commits a misdemeanor punishable
- 18 by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars
- 19 (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6) months,
- 20 or both, if he:
- 21 (i) Signs and affixes his seal to a certif-
- 22 icate of acknowledgment when the party executing the

- 1 instrument has not first acknowledged the execution of the
- 2 instrument before the notary public, if by law the instru-
- 3 ment is required to be recorded or filed and cannot be
- 4 filed without a certificate of acknowledgment signed and
- 5 sealed by a notary public.
- 6 6-8-815. Negligence or refusal of ministerial offi-
- 7 <u>cer to perform duty in criminal case.</u>
- 8 (a) A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by a
- 9 fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars
- 10 (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6) months,
- 11 or both, if he is:
- 12 (i) A clerk, sheriff, coroner or other minis-
- 13 terial officer who refuses or neglects to perform any duty
- 14 he is required by law to perform in any criminal case or
- 15 proceeding; or
- 16 (ii) An officer who unnecessarily delays
- 17 serving a warrant legally issued in any criminal case,
- 18 when it is his duty to execute and in his power to serve
- 19 the warrant.
- 20 Section 2. W.S. 6-8-503, 9-7-404 and 9-7-1133 are
- 21 amended to read:

6-8-503. Custodian stealing. etc., public record. Whoevery-being An officer or his deputy-having--the--custody--of--any--recordy-booky-documenty-paper-or-proceeding specified-in-the-foregoing-section WHO steals or fraud-ulently takes away, secretes, withdraws or destroys any such A record, RECORD book, documenty-paper-or-proceedingy shall-be-imprisoned-in-the-penitentiary DOCKET OR JOURNAL OF WHICH HE HAS CUSTODY AND WHICH IS AUTHORIZED TO BE MADE BY LAW OR BELONGS OR PERTAINS TO A STATE OR COUNTY OFFICE OR OFFICER, COMMITS A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5:000.00) OR IMPRISON-MENT not more than ten (10) years.

9-7-404. Account to be kept of expenditures from contingent fund: public inspection of account: itemized statement to accompany voucher: penalty for false vouchers. When an appropriation is made by law as a contingent fund for any office, or officer, or boardy or for-any other purpose, to be expended for the state, the officer or board having charge of such THE fund shall keep an account therewith, showing when, to whom, and for what purpose any portion of said THE fund has been expended, the which THE account shall always be open for public inspection. the account of the state of the state of the state of the state of the officer or person presenting any voucher to any board for allowance, or to the auditor for payment,

statement in writing covering such THE claim or-claims and approved for allowance by the proper board, department head or officer, t-and Any and-all claims failing to comply with this provision SECTION shall be rejected by the auditor, or any-of-said-boards THE BOARD to which such THE claims shall-be ARE presented, t-if-any AN officer or person shall-make-or-present-any WHO MAKES OR PRESENTS A voucher for a greater sum of money than was actually paid or expended for the purpose stated or indicated in-or by such THE voucher, he-shall-upon-conviction-thereof-be deemed IS guilty of embezzlement UNDER W.S. 6-8-809 of the amount so falsely included in such THE voucher, in-the excess-actually-paid-or-expended, and shall-be-imprisoned in-the-penitentiary-not-less-than-five-(5)-years

9-7-1133. Profit making prohibited: unauthorized use of monies. The making of profit PERSONAL PECUNIARY BENE-FIT, directly or indirectly, by any state treasurer or by the treasurer of any county, city, town or school district, or by any other public officer or employee having in his custody or under his control any public moneys MONIES, by leaning-such-moneys LENDING, USING or by depositing the same. MONIES contrary to the-provisions-of this act, or the-using-of-such-moneys-by-any-of-said-public

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- 14 Section 4. This act is effective May 20. 1981.
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- Page 17 line 16 delete "9-2-314, 9-2-315,".

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- Page 17 line 16 delete "9-2-314, 9-2-315,".

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STATE OF WYOMING

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HOUSE BILL NO. 220

Misconduct of public officials.

Sponsored by: JOINT JUDICIARY INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL

for

AN ACT to create W.S. 6-8-801 through 6-8-815; to amend 1 2 W.S. 6-8-503, 9-2-352, 9-7-404, 9-7-1133, 18-3-206(a) and 3 (c), 18-3-813 and 18-4-506; and to repeal W.S. 6-4-607, 6-7-305, 6-7-306, 6-7-313, 6-8-201, 6-8-202, 6-8-501, 4 5 6-8-502, 6-8-505, 6-8-508 through 6-8-510, 9-2-314, 6 9-2-315, 9-2-338, 9-2-405, 9-7-101, 9-7-403, 9-7-1134, 7 11-20-207, 15-4-107(e), 18-3-607(c), 21-3-124, 21-13-716, 33-1-110, 35-1-103, 35-1-105(a)(ii), 39-6-417(b)8 39-6-517(b) relating to public officials; defining and 9 10 redefining crimes such as bribery, conflict of interest, misconduct and wrongful appropriation; making the statutes 11

- on public official's crimes consistent; providing pen-
- 2 alties including removal from office; and providing for an
- 3 effective date.
- 4 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:
- 5 Section 1. W.S. 6-8-801 through 6-8-815 are created
- 6 to read:
- 7 <u>6-8-801</u>. <u>Definitions</u>.
- 8 (a) As used in this act:
- 9 (i) "Government" includes any branch, subdivi-
- 10 sion or agency of the state of Wyoming or any city, town,
- 11 county, school district or special district within it;
- 12 (ii) "Governmental function" includes any
- 13 activity which a public servant is legally authorized to
- undertake on behalf of a government;
- 15 (iii) "Pecuniary benefit" is benefit in the
- 16 form of property, but does not include acceptance of food
- 17 or drink or entertainment authorized as a proper deduct-
- 18 ible expense for income tax purposes under the United
- 19 States Internal Revenue Code up to an amount of one hun-
- 20 dred dollars (\$100.00), or contributions to a political
- 21 campaign of a public servant as provided in W.S.

- 1 22-25-102;
- 2 (iv) "Public servant" means any officer or
- 3 employee of government, including legislators and judges,
- 4 and any person participating as juror, advisor, consultant
- or otherwise, in performing a governmental function;
- 6 (v) "This act" means W.S. 6-8-801 through
- 7 6-8-815.
- 8 6-8-802. Bribery.
- 9 (a) A person commits bribery, if:
- 10 (i) He offers, confers or agrees to confer any
- 11 pecuniary benefit upon a public servant as consideration
- for the public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, exercise
- of discretion or other action in his official capacity; or
- 14 (ii) While a public servant, he solicits,
- 15 accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit upon an
- 16 agreement or understanding that his vote, opinion, judg-
- 17 ment, exercise of discretion or other action as a public
 - 18 servant will thereby be influenced.
 - 19 (b) It is no defense to a prosecution under this
 - 20 section that the person sought to be influenced was not
 - 21 qualified to act in the desired way, whether because he

- 1 had not yet assumed office or lacked jurisdiction.
- 2 (c) Bribery is a felony punishable by a fine of not
- 3 more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), imprison-
- 4 ment for not more than five (5) years, or both.

5 6-8-803. Compensation for past official behavior.

- 6 (a) A person commits an offense if he solicits,
- 7 accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit as
- 8 compensation for having, as a public servant, given a
- 9 decision, opinion, recommendation or vote favorable to
- 10 another, or for having otherwise exercised a discretion in
- 11 his favor, or for having violated his statutory duties.
- 12 For purposes of this section, "compensation" does not
- include mere acceptance of an offer of employment.
- 14 (b) Compensation for past official behavior is a
- 15 felony punishable by a fine of not more than fifteen thou-
- sand dollars (\$15,000.00), imprisonment for not more than
- 17 five (5) years, or both.

18 6-8-804. Soliciting unlawful compensation.

- 19 (a) A public servant commits soliciting unlawful
- 20 compensation if he requests a pecuniary benefit for the
- 21 performance of an official action knowing that he was

- 1 required to perform that action without compensation or at
- 2 a level of compensation lower than that requested.
- 3 (b) Soliciting unlawful compensation is a mis-
- 4 demeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thou-
- 5 sand dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for not more than
- 6 one (1) year, or both.

7 <u>6-8-805</u>. Designation of supplier.

- 8 (a) No public servant shall require or direct a
- 9 bidder or contractor to deal with a particular person in
- 10 procuring any goods or service required in submitting a
- 11 bid to or fulfilling a contract with any government.
- 12 (b) A provision in an invitation to bid or a con-
- 13 tract document which violates this section is against
- 14 public policy and voidable.
- 15 (c) It is an affirmative defense that the defendant
- 16 was a public servant acting within the scope of his
- 17 authority exercising the right to reject any material,
- 18 subcontractor, service, bond or contract tendered by a
- 19 bidder or contractor because it did not meet bona fide
- 20 specifications or requirements relating to quality, avail-
- ability, experience or financial responsibility.

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- 1 (d) Designating a supplier is a misdemeanor punish-2 able by a fine of not more than one thousand five hundred
- dollars (\$1,500.00), imprisonment for not more than one
- 4 (1) year, or both.

5 6-8-806. Conflict of interest.

- 6 Except as provided by subsection (b) of this (a) 7 a public servant commits an offense if he section, 8 requests or receives any pecuniary benefit other than 9 lawful compensation on any contract, or for the letting of 10 any contract, or making any appointment where the government employing or subject to the discretion or decisions 11 12 of the public servant is concerned.
 - extent of his pecuniary interest to all parties concerned therewith and does not participate during the considerations and vote thereon and does not attempt to influence any of the parties and does not act directly or indirectly for the governing body with respect to the contracts or appointments, then the acts are not unlawful under subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the operation, administration, inspection or performance of banking and deposit contracts or relationships after the selection of a depository.

- 1 (c) Violation of subsection (a) of this section is a
- 2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five
- 3 thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), imprisonment for not more
- 4 than one (1) year, or both.
- 5 <u>6-8-807. Official misconduct.</u>
- 6 (a) A public servant commits official misconduct if,
- 7 with intent to obtain a pecuniary benefit or maliciously
- 8 to cause harm to another, he knowingly:
- 9 (i) Commits an unauthorized act relating to
- 10 his official duties;
- 11 (ii) Refrains from performing a duty imposed
- 12 upon him by law; or
- 13 (iii) Violates any statute relating to his
- 14 official duties.
- 15 (b) Official misconduct is a misdemeanor punishable
- 16 by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars
- 17 (\$5,000.00), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year,
- 18 or both.
- 19 6-8-808. Issuing a false certificate.
- 20 (a) A public servant commits a misdemeanor punish-

- 1 able by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars
- 2 (\$5,000.00), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year,
- 3 or both, if he makes and issues an official certificate or
- 4 other official written instrument which he is authorized
- 5 to make and issue containing a statement which he knows to
- 6 be false with intent to obtain a benefit or maliciously to
- 7 cause harm to another.

- 8 (b) A public servant commits a misdemeanor punish-
- 9 able by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty
- dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6)
- 11 months, or both, if he makes and issues an official
- 12 certificate or other official written instrument which he
- is authorized to make and issue containing a statement
- 14 which he knows to be false.

15 6-8-809. Embezzlement of public property.

- 16 (a) Every public servant who lawfully or unlawfully
- 17 comes into possession of any monies or property of any
- 18 government and who, with intent permanently to deprive the
- 19 owner of its use and benefit, knowingly converts any of
- 20 the public monies or property to his own use or to any use
- 21 other than the public use authorized by law is guilty of
- 22 embezzlement of public property.

- 1 (b) Embezzlement of public property is:
- 2 (i) A felony punishable by a fine of not more
- 3 than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), imprisonment
- 4 for not more than ten (10) years, or both, if the value of
- 5 the money or property is one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or
- 6 more; and
- 7 (ii) A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not
- 8 more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprison-
- 9 ment for not more than six (6) months, or both, if the
- 10 value of the money or property is less than one hundred
- 11 dollars (\$100.00).
- 12 6-8-810. Wrongful appropriation of public property.
- 13 (a) Every public servant who lawfully or unlawfully
- 14 comes into possession of any monies or property of any
- government and who, with intent temporarily to deprive the
- owner of its use and benefit, converts any of the public
- monies or property to his own use or any use other than
- 18 the public use authorized by law is guilty of wrongful
- 19 appropriation of public property.
- 20 (b) Wrongful appropriation is a misdemeanor punish-
- 21 able by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty
- dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6)

- 1 months, or both.
- 2 6-8-811. Failure to account. A public servant who
- 3 fails or refuses to account for, deliver and pay over to
- 4 the person legally entitled to receive money or property
- 5 received by virtue of the office, when legally required by
- 6 the proper person or authority, is guilty of a felony pun-
- 7 ishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
- 8 (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year,
- 9 or both.
- 10 6-8-812. Mistreating persons in institutions.
- 11 (a) A person commits a felony punishable by
- imprisonment for not more than three (3) years if he:
- (i) Is responsible for the care of a person in
- 14 a reformatory or charitable institution or a mental hospi-
- 15 tal and treats him with unnecessary severity, harshness or
- 16 cruelty, or in any way abuses him; or
- 17 (ii) Is an officer required by law to perform
- 18 an act with regard to persons in a reformatory or chari-
- 19 table institution and he willfully refuses or neglects to
- 20 perform the act.
- 21 (b) This section does not bar prosecution under any

- 1 other criminal statute of a person responsible for the
- 2 care of a person in a reformatory or charitable insti-
- 3 tution or a mental hospital even if he also violates this
- 4 section.
- 5 6-8-813. Removal from office. A judgment of convic-
- 6 tion rendered under W.S. 6-8-801 through 6-8-812 against
- 7 any public servant, except state elected officials,
- 8 supreme court justices, district court judges and county
- 9 court judges operates as a judgment of impeachment and
- 10 removal from office or discharge from employment.
- 11 <u>6-8-814</u>. <u>Notaries public; false certificates</u>.
- 12 (a) A notary public commits a misdemeanor punishable
- 13 by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars
- 14 (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6) months,
- or both, if he:
- 16 (i) Certifies that a person was sworn or
- 17 affirmed before him to an affidavit or other writing when
- 18 the person was not sworn or affirmed;
- 19 (ii) Signs and affixes his seal to a certif-
- 20 icate of acknowledgment when the party executing the
- 21 instrument has not first acknowledged the execution of the
- 22 instrument before the notary public, if by law the instru-

- 1 ment is required to be recorded or filed and cannot be
- 2 filed without a certificate of acknowledgment signed and
- 3 sealed by a notary public.
- 4 6-8-815. Negligence or refusal of ministerial offi-
- 5 cer to perform duty in criminal case.
- 6 (a) A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by a
- 7 fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars
- 8 (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6) months,
- 9 or both, if he is:
- 10 (i) A clerk, sheriff, coroner or other minis-
- 11 terial officer who refuses or neglects to perform any duty
- 12 he is required by law to perform in any criminal case or
- 13 proceeding; or
- 14 (ii) An officer who unnecessarily delays
- 15 serving a warrant legally issued in any criminal case,
- 16 when it is his duty to execute and in his power to serve
- 17 the warrant.
- 18 Section 2. W.S. 6-8-503, 9-2-352, 9-7-404, 9-7-1133,
- 19 18-3-206(a) and (c), 18-3-813 and 18-4-506 are amended to
- 20 read:
- 21 6-8-503. Custodian stealing, etc., public record.

- 1 Wheever,-being An officer or his deputy,-having--the--eus-2 tody--of--any--record,-book,-document,-paper-or-proceeding 3 specified-in-the-foregoing-section, WHO steals or fraud-4 ulently takes away, secretes, withdraws or destroys any 5 such A record, RECORD book, document,-paper-or-proceeding, shall-be-imprisoned-in-the-penitentiary DOCKET OR JOURNAL 6 OF WHICH HE HAS CUSTODY AND WHICH IS AUTHORIZED TO BE MADE 7 8 BY LAW OR BELONGS OR PERTAINS TO A STATE OR COUNTY OFFICE 9 OR OFFICER, COMMITS A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) OR IMPRISON-10 11 MENT not more than ten (10) years.
- 12 9-2-352. Refusing to pay lawful warrant. If the 13 state treasurer shall willfully and unlawfully refuse REFUSES to pay any warrant lawfully drawn upon the treas-14 15 he shall forfeit and pay to the holder thereof 16 fourfold the amount of such THE warrant, to be recovered 17 by civil action against the state treasurer and his sureties on his official bond, or otherwise, according to law. 18 19 7-and-the-treasurer-shall--be--deemed--quilty--of--a--misdemeaner-in-effice-20
- 9-7-404. Account to be kept of expenditures from
 contingent fund; public inspection of account; itemized
 statement to accompany voucher; penalty for false vouch-

1 ers. When an appropriation is made by law as a contingent 2 fund for any office, or officer, or board, or for-any 3 other purpose, to be expended for the state, the officer 4 or board having charge of such THE fund shall keep an 5 account therewith, showing when, to whom, and for what 6 purpose any portion of said THE fund has been expended. + 7 which THE account shall always be open for public inspec-8 tion. +-and Every officer or person presenting any voucher 9 to any board for allowance, or to the auditor for payment, 10 shall contain or have affixed thereunto a full itemized statement in writing covering such THE claim or-elaims and 11 approved for allowance by the proper board, department 12 13 head or officer. 7--and Any and-all claims failing to comply with this provision SECTION shall be rejected by 14 15 the auditor, or any-of-said-boards THE BOARD to which such 16 THE claims shall-be ARE presented. +-if-any AN officer or 17 person shall-make-er-present-any WHO MAKES OR PRESENTS A voucher for a greater sum of money than was actually paid 18 or expended for the purpose stated or indicated in--er by 19 such THE voucher, -- he -- shall -- upon-conviction - thereof-be 20 21 deemed IS guilty of embezzlement UNDER W.S. 6-8-809 of the 22 amount se falsely included in such THE voucher. in--the excess--actually-paid-or-expended,-and-shall-be-imprisoned 23 24 in-the-penitentiary-not-less-than-five-(5)-years-

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9-7-1133. Profit making prohibited; unauthorized use 1 2 of monies. The making of profit PERSONAL PECUNIARY BENEdirectly or indirectly, by any state treasurer or by 3 the treasurer of any county, city, town or school dis-4 trict, or by any other public officer or employee having 5 in his custody or under his control any public meneys 6 MONIES, by leaning-such-meneys LENDING, USING or by depos-7 8 iting the same. MONIES contrary to the provisions of this 9 act; or the-using-of-such-moneys-by--any--of--said--public 10 efficers--er--employees for any purpose not authorized by 11 law7-shall-be-deemed-a-felony-and-are--hereby IS prohibited. 7--and-any-of-said-public-officers-or-employees-who 12 13 shall-vielate-any-ef--the--feregeing--previsions--ef--this 14 section--shall;-on-conviction;-be-punished-by-imprisonment 15 in-the-state-penitentiary-for-a-term-not-exceeding-two-(2) 16 years-or-by-a-fine-not--exceeding--five--thousand--dollars 17 (\$5,000.00),-er-by-beth-such-fine-and-imprisonment-

18 <u>18-3-206</u>. Penalties.

(a) Any county assessor who fails to perform the duties provided by W.S. 18-3-201 through 18-3-206 is guilty of a-misdemeaner-and-upen-cenviction-shall-be-fined net-exceeding-five-hundred-dellars-(\$500-00) OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT UNDER W.S. 6-8-807.

- 1 (c) Any county assessor, deputy assessor or member 2 of any county board of equalization who knowingly and 3 willfully values or equalizes taxable property at other 4 than its fair value is guilty of a--misdemeaner--and--upon 5 conviction--shall--be--fined--not--exceeding--five-hundred 6 dellars-(\$500-00),--imprisoned--in--the--county--jail--not 7 exceeding--ninety-(90)-days-er-bethy-and-shall-ferfeit-his effice Official Misconduct under w.s. 6-8-807. 8
- 9 18-3-813. Malfeasance of treasurer or deputy. Every county treasurer or deputy county treasurer who does not 10 keep in his office a register of county orders as required 11 12 by W.S. 18-3-811, or does not enter at the time of presentation every county order presented to him for payment, 13 14 or makes any false entry therein, or does not pay any 15 order presented to him for payment, there being money in the treasury appropriated for that purpose or from which 16 by law the same ought to be paid is guilty of a--mis-17 demeaner--and-upen-cenviction-shall-be-fined-net-less-than 18 fifty-dellars-(\$50:00)-ner-mere-than-five-hundred--dellars 19 20 (\$500:00),--and--the-court-may-adjudge-that-such-treasurer 21 be-removed-from--office OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT UNDER W.S. 22 6-8-807.
- 23 18-4-506. Application of funds derived from sale of

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bonds; penalty for misappropriation. The county treasurer
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      shall apply all proceeds from the sale of the bonds to the
     payment of the county indebtedness. The proper county
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     officials shall levy, collect and apply all applicable
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      taxes for the payment of interest and redemption of the
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      comply--with-the-provisions-of-this-section-or-neglects-or
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      refuses-to-levy-and-collect-any-such-tax-is--guilty--of--a
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     misdemeanor--and--upon--conviction--shall--be--fined-in-an
      amount-equal-to-the-sum-that-should-have-been--levied,--or
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      fined-in-the-amount-of-any-misappropriation-and-imprisoned
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      in--the--county-jail-for-a-term-of-not-less-than-three-(3)
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          Section 3. W.S. 6-4-607, 6-7-305, 6-7-306, 6-7-313,
                6-8-202, 6-8-501, 6-8-502, 6-8-505, 6-8-508
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      6-8-201,
      through 6-8-510, 9-2-314, 9-2-315, 9-2-338,
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      9-7-101, 9-7-403, 9-7-1134, 11-20-207, 15-4-107(e),
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      18-3-607(c), 21-3-124, 21-13-716, 33-1-110,
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      35-1-105(a)(ii), 39-6-417(b) and 39-6-517(b) are repealed.
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           Section 4. This act is effective May 20, 1981.
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Page 1-line 2 Delete "9-2-352";

After "9-7-404" delete comma "," and insert

"and";

After "9-7-1133" delete ", 18-3-206(a)
and".

Page 1-line 3 Delete "(c), 18-3-813 and 18-4-506".

Page 1-line 6 Delete "9-2-315,";
Delete "9-7-403,".

WPage 1-line 7 After "11-20-207" delete balance of line and insert "and".

Page 1-line 8 Delete "33-1-110, 35-1-103,";
Delete ", 39-6-417(b) and".

%Page 1-line 9 Delete "39-6-517(b)".

Page 2-Between lines 14 and 15 insert "(iii) "Harm" means loss, disadvantage, or injury;".

XPage 3-line 4 After "juror," insert "witness,".

Page 3-line ll After "benefit" insert ", testimonial, privilege, or personal advantage.

Page 3-line 15 After "benefit" insert ", testimonial, privilege, or personal advantage".

Page 4-line 20 Delete "requests" and insert "solicits, accepts, or agrees to accept".

Page 6-line 2 Delete "five hundred".

Page 6-line 3 Delete "(\$1,500.00)" and insert "(\$1,000.00)".

Page 6-line 17 Delete "directly or indirectly".

✓Page 8-line 6 After "a" insert "pecuniary".

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Page 9-line 5
                    Delete "one" and insert "two";
                                                     "($200.00)".
                    Delete "($100.00)" and insert
Page 9-line 10
                    Delete "one" and insert "two".
 Page 9-line 11
                   Delete "($100.00)" and insert "($200.00)".
Page 10-line 14 After "reformatory" insert ", penal".
Page 11-line 6
                    Delete "6-8-801" and insert "6-8-802".
Page 11-line 9
                    Delete "operates as a judgment of impeachment and" and insert "shall result in".
 Page 12-line 18
                   Delete "9-2-352,";
After "9-7-404" delete comma "," and insert
                    "and";
After "9-7-1133" delete comma ",".
Page 12-line 19
                   Delete "18-3-206(a) and (c), 18-3-813
                    18-4-506".
Page 13-lines 12 through 20--Delete entirely.
 Page 15-line 11
                            "prohib-" and
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                    MISCONDUCT UNDER W.S. 6-8-807".
 Page 15-line 12 Strike "ited".
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                    Delete entirely.
Page 17-lines 1 through 13--Delete entirely.
Page 17-line 16
                    Delete "9-2-314, 9-2-315,".
Page 17-line 17
                    Delete "9-7-403,";
After "11-20-207"
                                         delete comma ","
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                    insert "and";
                    Delete "15-4-107(c),".
Page 17-line 18 Delete entirely.
                    Delete ", 39-6-417(b) and 39-6-517(b)".

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Page 10-line 16 Delete ", or in any way abuses him".

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Page 2-line 20 After "(\$100.00)," insert "any item with a value of less than twenty dollars (\$20.00),". -ARNOLD

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Page 11-lines 16, 17, and 18 Delete.
Page 11-line 19 Delete "(ii)" insert "(i)". -URBIGK

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Wrage 10-line 18 After "reformatory" insert ", penal".

Wrage 10-line 19 After "institution" insert "or a mental hospital".
After "reformatory" insert ", penal". Page 11-line 2 After -LUMMIS .

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