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COMPLAINTS

OFFICE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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158-3-1 Verified Complaints

1.1 Scope--The following procedural rules and regulations set forth the practice and procedure established by the West Virginia Ethics Commission for carrying out its responsibilities in the administration and enforcement of the West Virginia Governmental Ethics Act, (hereafter referred to as the "Act") West Virginia Code section one, article one, chapter six-B, et seq.

1.2 Authority-- W.Va. Code 6B-2-1(e)

1.3 Filing Date--

1.4 Effective Date--

1.5 A verified complaint is one written and duly verified by oath or affirmation by a notary public.

1.6 A duly verified complaint shall be filed with the Ethics Commission, at the Litton Building, 1207 Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

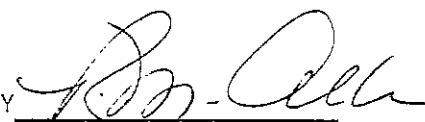
1.7 The Executive Director or his designee shall within three days of receipt acknowledge the complaint by first class mail.

158-3-2 Unverified complaints

2.1 In the absence of a verified complaint but where the Commission receives or discovers information which may merit an inquiry as to whether a violation of the Act has occurred, the Commission may by an affirmative vote of seven of its members appoint an investigative panel to make a probable cause determination.

2.2 The investigative panel must determine whether there is probable cause to believe a violation of the Act has occurred.

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