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# TEETH OF THE YOST LAW

WEST VIRGINIA'S  
DRASTIC PROHIBITION STATUTE  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1914

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# The Yost Law in a Nutshell

1. "Liquor" means any drink such as whiskey, wine, hard cider, beer, any preparation actually intoxicating, any malt drink whether actually intoxicating or not, and any beverage which contains one-half per cent or more of alcohol.

2. The following are prohibited as to any of the above:

- (a) The manufacture of absolutely, except wine or hard cider for one's own consumption, made from home grown fruit
- (b) The sale of absolutely, except wine by a druggist for sacramental purposes under strict regulations.
- (c) The keeping and storing of, by any one except for his own use, and then the burden is upon him to prove such.
- (d) Soliciting or receiving orders for in any way.
- (e) Advertising of in any way, including bill boards.
- (f) The keeping of or disposing of or using of in any way at a club.
- (g) The securing of by one person in any way for another.

3. The fact that a person has a government license or has liquors about his house or place is sufficient evidence for a jury to convict.

4. Any place can be searched and liquors and vessels there can be seized.

5. The place where liquors are kept is deemed a nuisance and can be abated by an injunction.

6. Druggists selling grain alcohol and wine must keep a record of all sales. They can be sold only by a druggist

7. Every express company railroad, steamboat, and the like must keep a separate record of all shipments of liquor, and the person to whom liquor is shipped must sign the record.

8. Any citizen or organization may employ an attorney to assist the prosecuting attorney.

9. The prosecuting attorney can offer rewards or expend money for the detection of violaters of the Prohibition Law.

**Penalties range all the way from \$100 to \$500 fine AND from 30 days to 5 years imprisonment.**

## Facts About the West Virginia "Battle of 1912"

*ISSUE:---State-wide Prohibition by Constitutional Amendment.*

*RESULT:---164,945 dry votes  
72,603 wet votes  
92,342 majority*

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