

**609.44 PUBLIC OFFICE; ILLEGALLY ASSUMING; NONSURRENDER.**

Whoever intentionally and without lawful right thereto, exercises a function of a public office or, having held such office and the right thereto having ceased, refuses to surrender the office or its seal, books, papers, or other incidents to a successor or other authority entitled thereto may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

**History:** *1963 c 753 art 1 s 609.44; 1984 c 628 art 3 s 11; 1986 c 444*