WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1939

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HOUSE BILL No. 2627

(By Mr. Vaglory by segment)

PASSED March // 1939

In Effect Passage

ENROLLED House Bill No. 262

(By Mr. Taylor, by request)

[Passed March 11, 1939; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section fourteen, article two, chapter fifty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter one hundred twenty-two, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, relating to entry upon land by corporate body politic.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section fourteen, article two, chapter fifty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter one hundred twenty-two, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Article 2. Procedure.

Section 14. Condemnation by State or Its Political Sub-2 divisions. If the applicant be the state of West Virginia, or

3 any political subdivision thereof, on filing its petition as authorized in this article, and if the court or judge is satis-5 fied that the purpose for which the land or property is sought 6 to be condemned is a public use for which private property 7 may be appropriated on compensating the owner, the court 8 or judge shall, at the request of the applicant, make an order permitting the applicant at once to enter upon, take possession, appropriate and use the land sought to be condemned 10 11 for the purposes stated in the petition. The revenues applicable to the payment of any damages or compensation to 12 13 which the owner is entitled, and which shall be awarded or assessed in his favor, shall be deemed sufficient security and 14 to have been pledged for such payment, and no bond or further security shall be required of the applicant. 16 17 If the applicant shall enter upon or take possession of property under the authority of this section, and shall do 18 any work thereon and injure such land or property, it shall 19 20 not be entitled, without the consent of the defendant, to 21 abandon the proceedings for the condemnation thereof, but 22 such proceedings shall proceed to final award or judgment after a reasonable time has elapsed for completion of the work

- 24 upon the particular property so entered upon and taken
- 25 possession of, and the applicant shall pay to the owner of
- 26 the land the amount of compensation and damages as finally
- 27 determined in such proceedings, with interest at six per cent
- 28 from the date of the actual entry upon the land so taken.

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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the
foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.
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Wm. S. O'BRIEN, Secretary of State Governor.