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## REGULAR SESSION, 1983

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HOUSE BILL No. 1537



In Effect Ninety Days From Passage



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# H. B. 1537

(By MR. HATCHER and MR. MARTIN)

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[Passed March 12, 1983; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article two, chapter fifty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to magistrates generally; limiting the amount of bond or recognizance required in certain misdemeanor cases in magistrate courts.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

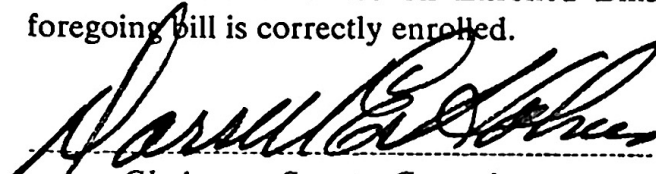
That section three, article two, chapter fifty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY.**

**§50-2-3. Criminal jurisdiction; limitations on bail.**

1 In addition to jurisdiction granted elsewhere to magistrate  
2 courts or a justice of the peace, magistrate courts shall have  
3 jurisdiction of all misdemeanor offenses committed in the  
4 county and to conduct preliminary examinations on warrants  
5 charging felonies committed within the county. A magistrate  
6 shall have the authority to issue arrest warrants in all criminal  
7 matters, to issue warrants for search and seizure and, except  
8 in cases involving capital offenses, to set and admit to bail:  
9 *Provided*, That in cases punishable only by fine such bail or  
10 recognizance shall not exceed the maximum amount of the fine  
11 and applicable court costs permitted or authorized by statute  
12 to be imposed in the event of conviction.

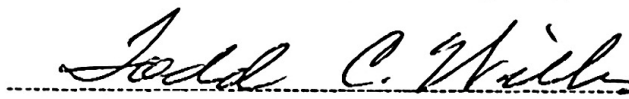
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

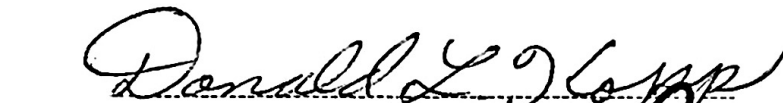
  
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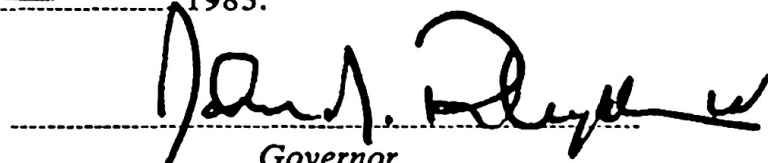
  
 Clerk of the Senate

  
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The within is approved this the 29  
 day of March 1983.

  
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