

## **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §50-1-17**

### **§50-1-17. Reference to justice of the peace; abolition of the office of constable.**

On and after January 1, 1977, the phrase "justice of the peace" and the word "justice," when used in a context meaning "justice of the peace," shall be construed to mean magistrate as created by the provisions of this chapter. At such time the office of constable shall be abolished, and the duties previously performed by constables shall be assumed by deputy sheriffs or by such other persons as elsewhere provided in this code.