

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1935



ENROLLED

SENATE BILL No. 54

(By Mr. Paul)



PASSED March 5 1935

In Effect from Passage

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**Senate Bill No. 54**

(By MR. PAULL) (by request)

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[Passed March 8, 1935; in effect from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend article one, chapter forty-eight, of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, by adding thereto section twenty-three, prohibiting ministers from soliciting the celebration of marriages and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

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

That article one, chapter forty-eight, of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section twenty-three, to read as follows:

Section 23. It shall be unlawful for any minister to solicit

2 in any manner the celebration of any marriage ceremony and  
3 it shall be unlawful for a minister, by giving or making di-  
4 rectly or indirectly, any tip, gift, present, subscription, con-  
5 tribution, loan or anything of value to reward any person who  
6 may accompany, bring, send or direct the holders of a mar-  
7 riage license to such minister. The penalty for a violation of  
8 the foregoing provisions shall be a revocation of the license  
9 of such minister to celebrate marriages and no such license  
10 shall thereafter be issued to him. It shall be the duty of the  
11 prosecuting attorney of the county wherein the violation oc-  
12 curs, to institute proceedings before the judge of the circuit  
13 court of said county to revoke said license, after reasonable  
14 notice thereof has been given to said minister. Said proceed-  
15 ings may be in term or vacation and the court shall determine  
16 all questions of law and fact.

I certify that the foregoing act,  
having been presented to the Governor for  
his approval, and not having been returned  
by him to the House of the Legislature in  
which it originated within the time pre-  
scribed by the constitution of the state, has  
become a law without his approval.

This the 15th day of March,  
1935.

  
J. S. QUINN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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

Clinton L. Howard  
Chairman Senate Committee

Arnold M. Vickers  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate

Takes effect from passage.

Charles M. ...  
Clerk of the Senate

W. S. Hall  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Chas. F. Hoelges  
President of the Senate

John S. ...  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within \_\_\_\_\_ this the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1935.

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Governor