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SENATE BILL No. 277

(By Mr. Fleming)



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**Senate Bill No. 277**

(BY MR. FLEMING) (by request)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article seven, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter eleven, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, and by chapter forty, acts of the Legislature, second extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, relating to the basic and advanced salaries for teachers.

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

That section two, article seven, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended

by chapter eleven, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, and by chapter forty, acts of the Legislature, second extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 2. Boards of education shall fix the rate of salary

2 to be paid teachers, in accordance with the following classi-  
3 fications and requirements:

4 (a) Basic salaries shall be the salaries for teachers who  
5 are teaching their first regular term of school. Such salaries  
6 shall be fixed according to the following schedule:

7 (1) For teachers holding certificates of the rank of second  
8 grade, not less than sixty-five dollars a month; (2) for teach-  
9 ers holding five-year certificates secured by examination or  
10 other first grade certificates, not less than eighty-five dollars  
11 a month; (3) for teachers holding short course certificates  
12 not less than ninety dollars a month; (4) for teachers holding  
13 normal school or other certificates which required at the time  
14 of issuance at least two years of collegiate work not less than  
15 one hundred dollars a month; (5) for teachers holding  
16 collegiate elementary, first class high school, or other

17 certificates of equal rank, based on a bachelor's degree  
18 earned in an approved institution, not less than one  
19 hundred twenty dollars a month; (6) for teachers who  
20 have completed a master's degree in an institution quali-  
21 fied and approved to do graduate work and who hold  
22 collegiate elementary, high school or other certificates of  
23 equal rank, not less than one hundred forty dollars a  
24 month.

25 (b) Advanced salaries shall be the salaries fixed for  
26 teachers who have taught one or more regular terms of  
27 school. Such salaries shall be fixed according to the fol-  
28 lowing schedule:

29 (1) For teachers who have taught one regular term  
30 of school and not more than five regular terms, the rate  
31 of salary shall be the basic salary plus at least thirteen  
32 dollars a month for the second term; the basic salary  
33 plus at least fifteen dollars a month for the third term;  
34 the basic salary plus at least seventeen dollars fifty  
35 cents a month for the fourth term; and the basic salary  
36 plus at least twenty dollars a month for the fifth term;  
37 (2) for teachers who have taught five regular terms of

38 school and not more than ten regular terms, the rate of  
39 salary shall be twenty-five dollars\* more a month than the  
40 rate of the basic salary for teachers holding similar cre-  
41 dentials; (3) for teachers who have taught ten regular  
42 terms of school or more, the rate of salary shall be thirty  
43 dollars a month more than the rate of basic salary for  
44 teachers holding similar credentials.

45 The minimum salary which a teacher is entitled to re-  
46 ceive for a given year shall be based upon the certificate  
47 which the teacher holds and the number of years which  
48 he has taught. The lowest rate fixed by the foregoing  
49 requirements shall be considered as the minimum salary  
50 which a board of education may legally pay a regularly  
51 employed teacher in the public schools of West Virginia:  
52 *Provided, however,* That boards of education may fix  
53 higher salaries for principals of elementary and high schools  
54 consistent with the extra duties and responsibilities of said  
55 position.

56 Basic salaries shall be uniform throughout the district for  
57 teachers holding similar credentials, and advanced salaries  
58 shall be uniform throughout the district for teachers in the

59 same classification as to experience, as determined by this  
60 chapter, and holding similar credentials; *Provided further,*  
61 That boards of education may fix a higher rate of salary than  
62 the rate provided herein when funds are sufficient to pay such  
63 salaries without relying on supplemental state aid.

64 In determining the number of regular terms of school a  
65 teacher has taught, boards of education shall credit as regular  
66 teaching, service in the United States army and navy in the  
67 world war, and active work in educational positions other  
68 than teaching, but no teacher shall be given credit for teach-  
69 ing more than one regular term in any school year. Salaries  
70 of colored teachers shall be the same as the salaries of other  
71 teachers in the same county school district, with the same  
72 training and experience, and holding similar credentials. Any  
73 board of education failing to comply with the provisions of  
74 this section may be compelled to do so by mandamus.

75 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are  
76 hereby repealed.

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

*Carl B. Galbreath*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Dee B. Baker*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the.....

Takes effect.....passage.

*Chambers*  
Clerk of the Senate

*W. S. Hance*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Chas. E. Hays*  
President of the Senate

*J. K. Thomas*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is disapproved* this the *18<sup>th</sup>*

day of *March*, 1937, *for reasons*

*James A. Holt*  
Governor

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Wm. S. O'BRIEN,  
Secretary of State

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many hours  
studied.*