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SENATE BILL No. 2177

(By Mr. Flennig)

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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
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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 to be paid teachers, in accordance with the following classifications and requirements:

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

1. For teachers holding certificates of the rank of second grade, not less than sixty-five dollars a month; (2) for teachers holding five-year certificates secured by examination or other first grade certificates, not less than eighty-five dollars a month; (3) for teachers holding short course certificates not less than ninety dollars a month; (4) for teachers holding normal school or other certificates which required at the time of issuance at least two years of collegiate work not less than one hundred dollars a month; (5) for teachers holding collegiate elementary, first class high school, or other
certificates of equal rank, based on a bachelor’s degree
earned in an approved institution, not less than one
hundred twenty dollars a month; (6) for teachers who
have completed a master’s degree in an institution qualified and approved to do graduate work and who hold
collegiate elementary, high school or other certificates of
equal rank, not less than one hundred forty dollars a
month.

(b) Advanced salaries shall be the salaries fixed for
teachers who have taught one or more regular terms of
school. Such salaries shall be fixed according to the follow-
ning schedule:

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

(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
same classification as to experience, as determined by this chapter, and holding similar credentials; Provided further,

That boards of education may fix a higher rate of salary than the rate provided herein when funds are sufficient to pay such salaries without relying on supplemental state aid.

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

All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the

Takes effect

passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 18th day of March, 1937, from

Governor

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia. 1937

Wm. S. O'Brien,
Secretary of State