WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1939

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HOUSE BILL No. 220

(By Mr. While)

PASSED March 11, 1939

In Effect from Passage
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House Bill No. 220
(By Mr. White)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article four, chapter twelve of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to accounts of expenditures of state funds and providing for the signing of checks issued by the state treasurer and for the signing of warrants issued by the state auditor:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 4. Accounts of Expenditures; Signing of Checks and Warrants; Facsimile Signatures and Use of Mechanical and Electrical Devices. When the treasurer issues his check on a depository, he shall credit the same to the account of such depository, and charge it to the general account of re-
ceipts and disbursements mentioned in section two of this article. The auditor shall keep accounts of the particular heads of expenditures, and, when he issues his warrant on the treasurer, shall credit the treasurer's account therewith and charge the same under the particular head of expenditure to which it properly belongs, distinguishing especially the disbursements on account of the capital and the annual income of the school fund, as directed in section two of this article in relation to receipts belonging to the said fund. All checks when issued by the treasurer shall bear his signature, personally signed by him, or by such employees as are, in writing, authorized by him to make his signature thereto, or bear a facsimile of the treasurer's signature; all warrants when issued by the auditor shall bear his signature, personally signed by him, or by such employees as are, in writing, authorized by him to make his signature thereto, or bear a facsimile of the auditor's signature. Such signature of the treasurer, or auditor, respectively, may be made, however, by means of such mechanical or electrical device as the treasurer, or auditor, respectively, may select, after the same shall have been approved by the Governor and the attorney general; any
such mechanical or electrical device, as respectively selected, to be safely kept in their respective offices so that no one shall have access thereto except the treasurer, or the auditor, and such of their respective employees as may be authorized to respectively sign checks or warrants as hereinabove provided. If any person, other than the treasurer, or auditor, respectively, or their respective employees duly and respectively authorized by them so to do, as above provided, shall sign the name of the treasurer or the auditor, respectively, by the use of any mechanical or electrical device, or otherwise, or use the facsimile of the signature of either of them, on any check or warrant, or utter or attempt to employ as true such forged check or warrant, knowing the same to be forged, he shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than ten years.

All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith 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 House of Delegates

Takes effect...........passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within...........the 16th day of January, 1933.

Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia, MAR 17, 1933.

Wm. S. O'Brien, Secretary of State