WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1939

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 29

(By Mr. Brotherton)

PASSED Feb. 9 1939

In Effect ninety days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section six, article three, chapter nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended and reenacted by chapter one, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six, by adding thereto an additional subsection fourteen, providing services for the blind.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section six, article three, chapter nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended and reenacted by chapter one, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Article 3. The Director of Public Assistance.

Section 6. Powers and Duties. The director shall be the
executive and administrative head of the department, and as such shall have the power and duty to:

(1) Exercise general supervision of, and make and revise rules and regulations for the government of the department.

(2) Prescribe uniform regulations pertaining to investigations, reinvestigations, and case supervision by county councils and directors.

(3) Prescribe uniform methods of recording and accounting to be employed by the county councils and directors.

(4) Sign and execute, in the name of the state, by "The State Department of Public Assistance", and by and with the consent and approval of the state board, any contract or agreement with the federal government or its agencies, other states, subdivisions of this state, corporations, associations, partnerships, or individuals.

(5) Supervise the fiscal affairs and responsibilities of the department.

(6) Organize the department so as to comply with the requirements of this chapter and standards required by the federal legislation.
(7) Order, with the approval of the state board, two or more counties to employ a single county director and a joint staff of assistants and employees.

(8) Make such reports as will comply with the requirements of the federal legislation and the provisions of this chapter.

(9) Cooperate with federal and state governments for the more effective attainment of the purposes of this chapter.

(10) Keep a complete and accurate record of all proceedings; record and file all bonds or contracts; and assume responsibility for the custody and preservation of all papers and documents pertaining to his office.

(11) Make an annual report to the Governor of the condition, operation, and functioning of the department.

(12) Exercise any other powers necessary and proper to standardize state and county work, to expedite business, to assure fair consideration of application for aid, and to promote the efficiency of the service.

(13) Invoke any legal, equitable, or special remedies for the enforcement of his orders or the provisions of this chapter.

(14) Initiate or cooperate with other agencies in develop-
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43. ... services for the prevention of blindness, the conservation
44. ... of vision, and the vocational and social adjustment of the
45. ... blind.
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 ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approval this the 15th day of January, 1939.

Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia, Feb 16, 1939

Wm. S. O'Brien,
Secretary of State