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SENATE BILL No. 143

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Senate Bill No. 143

[Passed March 3, 1939; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article four, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to rewards, detection of crime and bounties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 2. The prosecuting attorney of any county, with 2 the approval of the county court, or of the governor, or of

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- 3 the court of the county vested with authority to try criminal
- 4 offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation, may, within his
- 5 discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of persons
- 6 charged with crime, or may expend money for the detection
- 7 of crime. Any money expended under this section shall,
- 8 when approved by the prosecuting attorney, be paid out of
- 9 the county fund, in the same manner as other county ex-
- 10 penses are paid. The county court may also offer reason-
- 11 able bounties and rewards for the destruction of noxious
- 12 animals, birds of prey, or weeds in the county, payable out
- 13 of the county treasury: Provided, however, That nothing
- 14 herein contained shall permit or give to the prosecuting
- 15 attorney of any county, having a population according to
- 16 the last official census of sixty thousand or less, the right to
- 17 appoint a full time investigator or detector of crime, or to
- 18 expend any money for the investigation of any crime com-
- 19 mitted in his county beyond the actual expense of the in-
- 20 vestigation of said crime.
- 21 All acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of
- 22 this act are hereby repealed.

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