WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1943

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HOUSE BILL No. 70

(By Mr. Hugus)

PASSED March 9, 1943

In Effect ninety days from Passage
AN ACT to amend article one, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section four-a, providing for the adoption, promulgation and enforcement by the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia of rules and regulations defining the practice of law, prescribing a code of ethics governing the professional conduct of attorneys-at-law, and prescribing a code of judicial ethics, and establishing practice and procedure for disciplining, suspending, and disbarring attorneys-at-law, and providing for the creation, government, and conduct of the West Virginia state bar, and prescribing fees to be paid for the administration of this section and the collection and disbursement thereof.
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Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article one, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section four-a, to read as follows:

Article 1. Supreme Court of Appeals.

Section 4-a. Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Law; Creation of West Virginia State Bar; Providing for Fees.—The supreme court of Appeals of West Virginia shall, from time to time, prescribe, adopt, promulgate, and amend rules and regulations:

(a) Defining the practice of law.

(b) Prescribing a code of ethics governing the professional conduct of attorneys-at-law and the practice of law, and prescribing a code of judicial ethics.

(c) Prescribing procedure for disciplining, suspending, and disbaring attorneys-at-law.

(d) Organizing and governing an association to be known as the West Virginia state bar, composed of attorneys-at-law of this state, to act as an administrative agency of the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia.
for the purpose of enforcing such rules and regulations as
may be prescribed, adopted and promulgated by the court
from time to time under this section, and providing for
the government of the West Virginia state bar as a
part of the judicial department of the state government
and requiring all persons practicing law in this state to
be members thereof in good standing.

(e) Fixing a schedule of fees to be paid by members
of the West Virginia bar for the purpose of administering
this section, providing for the collection and disburse-
ment of such fees: Provided, however, That the annual
fees to be paid by any attorney-at-law shall not exceed the
sum of eight dollars.

When and as the rules and regulations of the court
herein authorized shall be prescribed, adopted, and pro-
mulgated, all laws and parts of laws that conflict there-
with shall be and become of no further force or effect
to the extent of such conflict.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Roy J. Gwinn
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within this the day of 1943.

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Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia
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Wm. S. O'Brien,
Secretary of State