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SENATE BILL No. 198

(By Mr. Johnston)

PASSED March 11 1943

In Effect Thirty days from Passage



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Senate Bill No. 198

(By MR. JOHNSTON, by request)

[Passed March 11, 1943; in effect ninety days from passage]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-five, article four, chapter eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to the duties of mayors and police officers of municipalities to aid in the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state, and granting them authority to arrest violators of state laws.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 25. *Municipal Officers to Aid in Enforcing Criminal Laws of State.* It is hereby made the duty of the mayor and the police of a municipality to aid in the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state within the municipality, independently of any provision of the charter or of any ordinance or want of an ordinance of such municipality, and to arrest or cause the arrest of any offender and take him before a justice of the peace of the county to be dealt with according to the law. Failure on the part of any such officer to discharge any duty imposed by this section shall be deemed official misconduct for which he may be removed from office. Such officer shall have the same authority to execute a warrant issued by a justice of the peace, and the same authority to arrest without a warrant for offenses committed in his presence, as has a constable.

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

Roy J. Johnson
Chairman Senate Committee

Frank A. Ratoff
Chairman House Committee

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Takes effect Thirty days from passage

W. Paul Walker
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

John P. Ames
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 18th day of March, 1943.

Matthew M. Neely
Governor.



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of West Virginia MAR 18 1943
Wm. S. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State