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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 413 (By Mr. Lentry and Mp. Carry)

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In Effect Passage



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(By MR. GENTRY and MR. CASEY)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections three, four and five, chapter one hundred fifty-seven, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, relating to the establishment of a general hospital in Cabell county.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections three, four and five, chapter one hundred fiftyseven, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 3. Construction, etc., to be Under Control of 2 Board of Trustees.—The said court and city, or said court 3 alone, as the case may be, shall appoint a board of trus-4 tees, consisting of fourteen persons, of whom two shall be 5 licensed physicians who are members in good standing Enr. H. B. No. 413]

of the Cabell county medical society, and one each shall 6 be a member of the following organizations, viz: Hunt-7 8 ington ministerial association, Cabell county bar associ-9 ation, the chamber of commerce of Huntington, the junior chamber of commerce of Huntington, council of social 10 11 agencies and community chest, east Huntington civic club, 12 west Huntington commercial club, Cabell county farm 13 bureau, Cabell county farm women's council, woman's 14 club of Huntington, American federation of labor and the 15 congress of industrial organizations.

16 The president of the Cabell county court, and the mayor 17 of the city of Huntington if said city shall elect to par-18 ticipate in the construction, acquisition, equipment, oper-19 ation and maintenance of said hospital, shall be ex officio 20 members of said board of trustees. Said board shall be 21 increased by the addition of four members to be desig-22 nated by such organizations or individuals as shall col-23lectively contribute five hundred thousand dollars or more 24 to the construction, acquisition, operation and mainte-25nance of said hospital. Said board is hereby authorized 26 and empowered to construct, acquire, equip, operate and

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27 maintain said Cabell county general hospital, and the
28 term "board" when hereafter used in this article shall be
29 construed to mean the board of trustees of the Cabell
30 county general hospital.

Sec. 4. Officers and Members of Board to Serve Without Compensation; Committees.-No officer or member of 2 the board shall receive any compensation for his services 3 4 as a member thereof; and no person who holds any other 5 public office or public employment, except the president of the county court of Cabell county and the mayor of the 6 7 city of Huntington, shall be eligible to membership on the board. The officers of the board shall be a president, vice-8 9 president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as may be appropriate or necessary. Except as herein 10 11 otherwise provided, the board shall have the power to 12 establish by-laws, rules and regulations for its own gov-13 ernment and respecting the construction, maintenance and operation of said hospital, and it may by appropriate 14 resolution or resolutions designate one or more commit-15 16 tees consisting of two or more members of the board to have and exercise the powers of the board in the manage-17

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18 ment, control and operation of the hospital to the extent19 provided for in any such resolution.

Sec. 5. Qualifications of Members of Board; Terms of 2 Office; Vacancies .--- All members of the board shall be citizens of West Virginia and residents of Cabell county, and 3 no more than two of such members shall be engaged in 4 the practice of medicine or surgery. The term of office of 5 6 the members of the board shall be three years, except that 7 the court and city, or the court alone, as the case may be, shall divide those originally appointed into three classes; 8 9 the term of office of those of the first class consisting of five members shall expire on March one, one thousand 10 11 nine hundred forty-eight; of the second class consisting of five members on March one, one thousand nine hun-12 13 dred forty-nine; and of the third class consisting of four members on March one, one thousand nine hundred fifty; 14 at every third annual appointment after such classifica-15 tion only four members shall be chosen for a full term of 16 three years to succeed those whose terms expire, and at 17 18 other annual appointments five members shall be chosen for a full term of three years to succeed those whose 19

20terms expire. Each of the organizations mentioned in sec-21 tion three shall, on or before thirty days from the first day of March in each year, certify the name of one of its mem-22bers as its choice for appointment as a member of said 23board of trustees, and the person whose name is so cer-24 25tified shall be appointed by the said court and city, or said 26court alone, as the case may be, as a member of the board 27of trustees. The present members of the board of trustees shall continue in office until their successors are appoint-28 ed in accordance with the provisions of this section. All 29 30 vacancies in the board shall be filled by the appointment of a successor member for the unexpired term by the 31court and city, or the court alone, as the case may be, and 32in every occasion appointment shall be made and the 33 terms of office shall continue until successors have been 34 appointed and qualified. Every appointee to fill a vacancy, 35 or upon the expiration of a term on the board, shall be a 36 member of the same organization as the predecessor. The 37 members of the board shall be chosen with regard to their 38 business and professional experience and their standing 39

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40 as citizens in the community and without regard to their
41 religious or political affiliations. Members of the board
42 may be removed for such cause as other public officers
43 may be removed from office.

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

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