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SENATE BILL No. 337

(By Mr.)

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Senate Bill No. 337
(By Mr. Love)

[Passed March 8, 1947; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT finding the claims of various newspapers and deputy commissioners of forfeited and delinquent lands arising under the requirements of article four, chapter eleven-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, to be moral obligations of the state, and appropriating the necessary funds out of the general school fund of the state treasury for payment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

Section 1. In recognition of publications made by various newspapers, the number and costs not yet determined, of notices of orders of publication and notices of sale required under article four, chapter eleven-a of the code of West Virginia, as amended, the costs of which by said article were payable from the proceeds of the sale of forfeited and delinquent lands, and in further recognition of the unconstitutionality of said article as
held by the supreme court of appeals, (State of West Virginia v. The Farmers Coal Company, et al) which had the effect of suspending such sales of forfeited and delinquent lands, thereby voiding the method of payment of the costs of such publication, there is here made a finding of a moral obligation of the State of West Virginia to pay the costs herein described, which in good faith and conscience should be paid through an appropriation of public funds in the state treasury.

Sec. 2. In recognition of services required and performed by various deputy commissioners of forfeited and delinquent lands, the costs not yet determined, under said article referred to in section 1 of this article, the costs of which, by said article, were payable from the proceeds of the sale of forfeited and delinquent lands, and in further recognition of the unconstitutionality of said article as held by the supreme court of appeals, (State of West Virginia v. The Farmers Coal Company, et al) which had the effect of suspending such sales of forfeited and delinquent lands, thereby voiding the method of payment of the costs of such services, there is here
made a finding of a moral obligation of the State of West Virginia to pay the costs herein described, which in good faith and conscience should be paid through an appropriation of public funds in the state treasury.

Sec. 3. It appearing from a statement of the revenues and appropriations for the fiscal years one thousand nine hundred forty-six — one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and one thousand nine hundred forty-eight, that there is and will be in the general school fund of the state treasury revenue, in excess of all other appropriations sufficient to pay the amounts hereafter appropriated, there is hereby appropriated from the general school fund of the state treasury for the remainder of the fiscal year one thousand nine hundred forty-six — one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and for the fiscal year one thousand nine hundred forty-seven — one thousand nine hundred forty-eight, an amount sufficient to pay the moral obligations described in sections one and two herein, which moral obligations cannot now be ascertained in sums certain.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Forest L. Dickey  
Chairman Senate Committee

R. L. Matthews  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate

Takes effect passage.

Howard Price  
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Donald M. Virginia  
President of the Senate

Sam E. Amos  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the day of , 1947.

Governor.

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