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(By Mr. Vickers, Mr. President)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections two and three, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended by chapter ninety-four, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-one, relating to the appointment of an inspector, executive officer and other commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, troopers and civilian employees; and to the forming of companies or platoons, training of members of the department of public safety and other police officers and to salaries and bonds of members.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections two and three, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-

one, as last amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 2. *Appointment of Inspector, Executive Officer and Other Commissioned Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Troopers and Civilian Employees.*—The superintendent shall appoint, from the enlisted membership of the department, an inspector with the rank of major who shall be next in authority to the superintendent, and for the purpose of operating and maintaining the executive offices, training school, radio communications system, scientific laboratory, keeping records relating to crimes, criminals and motor vehicle accidents, maintaining a system of supplies and accounting and carrying on other necessary services he shall appoint an executive officer with the rank of captain, two lieutenants, and not more than two master sergeants, one supply sergeant, two master technical sergeants, two technical sergeants, four sergeants, seven corporals and ten troopers. Technicians from the ranks of sergeant, corporal and trooper may be appointed and designated by the superintendent. He shall also appoint such civilian employees as may be necessary

20 whose salaries shall be fixed by the board of public works.

21 The inspector, executive officer, lieutenants, master ser-
22 geants, supply sergeant, master technical sergeants, tech-
23 nical sergeants, sergeants and sergeant technicians, cor-
24 porals and corporal technicians, troopers and trooper
25 technicians shall be enrolled and enlisted as members
26 of the department of public safety and shall be entitled to
27 wear the insignia of rank as is provided by law or au-
28 thorized by department regulations.

Sec. 3. *Companies and Platoons and How Constituted;*
2 *Training of Members and Other Peace Officers; Salaries*
3 *and Bonds of Members.*—The superintendent shall create,
4 appoint and equip a department of public safety which
5 shall, in addition to the personnel provided for in section
6 two of this article, consist of four companies or platoons.
7 Each company or platoon shall be composed of one cap-
8 tain, one lieutenant, one first sergeant, five sergeants,
9 ten corporals and such number of troopers as the super-
10 intendent may decide best, but such number of troopers
11 in any company or platoon shall not at any time be less
12 than twenty-five nor more than sixty-five.

13 The superintendent shall provide adequate facilities
14 for the training of all members of the department and
15 shall prescribe a basic training course for newly enlisted
16 members. He shall also provide advanced or in service
17 training from time to time for all members of the de-
18 partment. The superintendent may, in his discretion, hold
19 training classes for other peace officers in the state with-
20 out cost to such officers, except actual expenses for food,
21 lodging and school supplies.

22 Members of the department shall receive salaries, as
23 follows:

24 The inspector shall receive an annual salary of four
25 thousand two hundred dollars; the executive officer and
26 the captains shall each receive an annual salary of three
27 thousand three hundred sixty dollars; lieutenants shall
28 each receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars;
29 the master sergeants, supply sergeant, master technical
30 sergeants and first sergeants shall each receive an annual
31 salary of twenty-five hundred eighty dollars; technical
32 sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of twenty-
33 five hundred twenty dollars; sergeants and sergeant tech-

34 nicians shall each receive an annual salary of twenty-four
35 hundred dollars; corporals and corporal technicians shall
36 , each receive an annual salary of twenty-two hundred
37 eighty dollars; and each newly enlisted trooper shall re-
38 ceive a salary of one hundred dollars monthly during
39 the period of his basic training and upon the satisfactory
40 completion of such training and assignment to active
41 duty each such trooper shall receive, during the re-
42 mainder of his first year's service, a salary of one hun-
43 dred fifty dollars monthly. During the second year of his
44 service in the department each trooper shall receive an
45 annual salary of nineteen hundred twenty dollars; dur-
46 ing the third year of his service each trooper shall re-
47 ceive an annual salary of twenty hundred forty dollars;
48 and during the fourth year of his service and thereafter
49 as long as he shall remain at the grade of trooper, each
50 trooper shall receive an annual salary of twenty-one hun-
51 dred sixty dollars.

52 In applying the foregoing salary schedule where salary
53 increases are provided for continuous service, members
54 of the department in service at the time this article be-

55 comes effective shall be given credit for prior service and
56 shall be paid such salaries as the same length of service
57 will entitle them to receive under the provisions hereof.

58 Each member of the department of public safety, ex-
59 cept the superintendent and civilian employees, shall,
60 before entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute
61 a bond with security in the sum of three thousand five
62 hundred dollars payable to the State of West Virginia,
63 conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as
64 such, and such bond shall be approved as to form by the
65 attorney general, and as to sufficiency by the board of
66 public works and the same shall be filed with the secre-
67 tary of state and preserved in his office.

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

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Clerk of the Senate

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The within Approved this the 14
day of Mar, 1947.

James M. Mason
Governor.



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