WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1949

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 172

(By Mr. [Signature])

PASSED February 23, 1949

In Effect Ninety days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article four, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended and reenacted by chapter thirty-five, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, relating to rewards and detection of crime; bounties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of West Virginia:

That section two, article four, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended and reenacted by chapter thirty-five, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 2. Rewards and Detection of Crime; Bounties.—

2 The prosecuting attorney of any county, with the approval
3 of the county court, or of the governor, or of the court of
the county vested with authority to try criminal offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation, may, within his discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of persons charged with crime, or may expend money for the detection of crime. Any money expended under this section shall, when approved by the prosecuting attorney, be paid out of the county fund, in the same manner as other county expenses are paid. The county court may also offer reasonable bounties and rewards for the destruction of noxious animals, birds of prey, or weeds in the county, payable out of the county treasury: Provided, however, That nothing herein shall permit or give to the prosecuting attorney of any county, having a population according to the last official census of sixty thousand or less, the right to appoint a full-time investigator or detector of crime, or to expend any money for the investigation of any crime committed in his county beyond the actual expense of the investigation of said crime, except in the counties of Wayne and Wyoming, the prosecuting attorney with the consent of the circuit judge and the county court therein, may appoint an investigator of crime to be
paid an annual salary of not less than one thousand two hundred dollars nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these limits by the county court; except further in the county of Lincoln, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than one thousand two hundred dollars nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by the prosecuting attorney; except further in the county of Mason, the prosecuting attorney with the consent of the county court or the circuit judge, may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid a salary of not less than six hundred dollars nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these limits by the county court.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect Ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

Within approved this the 26th day of February, 1949.

Governor

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia

D. MIT O'BRIEN, Secretary of State

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