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HOUSE BILL No. 227

(By Mr. File)

PASSED March 12 1949

In Effect July 1, 1949
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 sixty-four, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven, relating to the appointment of an inspector, 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, other Commis-
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2 sioned Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Troopers and
3 Civilian Employees.—The superintendent shall appoint,
4 from the enlisted membership of the department, an in-
5 spector with the rank of major who shall be next in
6 authority to the superintendent, and for the purpose of
7 operating and maintaining the executive offices, training
8 school, scientific laboratory, keeping records relating to
9 crimes, criminals and motor vehicle accidents, maintain-
10 ing a system of supplies and accounting and carrying on
11 other necessary services he shall appoint not more than
12 two captains, one lieutenant, two master sergeants, two
13 master technical sergeants, two technical sergeants, four
14 sergeants, seven corporals and ten troopers. Technicians
15 from the ranks of sergeant, corporal and trooper may be
16 appointed and designated by the superintendent. He
17 shall appoint such civilian employees as may be neces-
18 sary whose salaries shall be fixed by the board of public
19 works.
20 The inspector, captains, lieutenants, master sergeants,
21 master technical sergeants, technical sergeants, sergeants
22 and sergeant technicians, corporals and corporals tech-
nicians, troopers and trooper technicians shall be enrolled
and enlisted as members of the department of public
safety and shall be entitled to wear the insignia of rank
as is provided by law or authorized by department regu-
lations.

Section 3. Companies and Platoons and How Constit-
tuted; Training of Members and Other Peace Officers;
Salaries and Bonds of Members.—The superintendent
shall create, appoint and equip a department of public
safety which shall, in addition to the personnel provided
for in section two of this article, consist of four com-
panies or platoons. Each company or platoon shall be
composed of one captain, one lieutenant, one first ser-
geant, five sergeants, ten corporals and such number of
troopers as the superintendent may decide best, but such
number of troopers in any company or platoon shall not
at any time be less than twenty-five nor more than sixty-
five.

The superintendent shall provide adequate facilities
for the training of all members of the department and
shall prescribe a basic training course for newly en-
listed members. He shall also provide advanced or in
service training from time to time for all members of
the department. The superintendent may, in his dis-
ccretion, hold training classes for other peace officers in
the state without cost to such officers, except actual ex-
penses for food, lodging and school supplies.

Members of the department shall receive salaries, as
follows:

The inspector shall receive an annual salary of four
thousand three hundred twenty dollars; captains shall
receive an annual salary of three thousand five hundred
forty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual
salary of three thousand two hundred forty dollars; the
master sergeants, master technical sergeants and first
sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of two
thousand eight hundred eighty dollars; technical ser-
geants shall each receive an annual salary of two thou-
sand eight hundred twenty dollars; sergeants and ser-
geant technicians shall each receive an annual salary
of two thousand seven hundred dollars; corporals and
corporal technicians shall each receive an annual salary
of two thousand five hundred eighty dollars; and each
newly enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of one
hundred twenty-five dollars monthly during the period
of his basic training and upon the satisfactory complet-
tion of such training and assignment to active duty each
such trooper shall receive, during the remainder of his
first year's service, a salary of one hundred seventy-five
dollars monthly. During the second year of his service
in the department each trooper shall receive an annual
salary of two thousand two hundred twenty dollars;
during the third year of his service each trooper shall
receive an annual salary of two thousand three hundred
forty dollars; and during the fourth year of his service
and thereafter as long as he shall remain at the grade
of trooper, each trooper shall receive an annual salary
of two thousand four hundred sixty dollars.

In applying the foregoing salary schedule where salary
increases are provided for continuous service, members
of the department in service at the time this article be-
comes effective shall be given credit for prior service
and shall be paid such salaries as the same length of
Each member of the department of public safety, except the superintendent and civilian employees, shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute a bond with security in the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars payable to the state of West Virginia, conditioned for the faithful performances of his duties as such, and such bond shall be approved as to form by the attorney general, and as to sufficiency by the board of public works and the same shall be filed with the secretary of state and preserved in his office.
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 July 1, 1949

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 18th day of March, 1949.

Governor.

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Secretary of State

D. Pitt O'Brien,