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SENATE BILL No. 117

(By Mr. Amos.....)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section fifteen, article ten, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to pecuniary interest of county and district officers, teachers, and school officials in contracts; offering and giving compensation; and providing penalties therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section fifteen, article ten, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 15. *Pecuniary Interest of County and District*

2 *Officers, Teachers and School Officials in Contracts; Of-*

3 *fering or Giving Compensation; Penalties.*—It shall be
4 unlawful for any member of a county court, overseer of
5 the poor, district school officer, secretary of a board of
6 education, supervisor or superintendent, principal or
7 teacher of public schools, or any member of any other
8 county or district board, or for any county or district of-
9 ficer to be or become directly or indirectly, pecuniarily
10 interested in the proceeds of any contract or service, or
11 in furnishing any supplies in the contract for, or the
12 awarding or letting of, which as such member, officer,
13 secretary, supervisor, superintendent, principal, or teach-
14 er, he may have any voice, influence or control. Any
15 person or officer named who shall violate any of the fore-
16 going provisions of this section shall be guilty of a mis-
17 demeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less
18 than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, and may,
19 in the discretion of the court, be imprisoned for a period
20 not to exceed one year. In addition to the foregoing pen-
21 alties, any such officer shall be removed from his office
22 and the certificate or certificates of any teacher, principal,
23 supervisor or superintendent who violates the provisions

24 of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be revoked
25 immediately. Any person, firm or corporation that offers
26 or gives any compensation whatever to any of the officers
27 or persons hereinbefore named or to any other person
28 with the intent to secure the influence, support or vote of
29 such officer or person for any contract, service, award or
30 other matter as to which any county or school district
31 shall become the paymaster, shall be guilty of a misde-
32 meanor, and, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less
33 than five hundred, nor more than twenty-five hundred
34 dollars, and, at the discretion of the court, such person or
35 any member of such firm, or, if it be a corporation, any
36 agent or officer thereof, so offering or giving such com-
37 pensation, may, in addition to such fine, be imprisoned
38 for a period not to exceed one year. The provisions of
39 this section shall not apply to publications in newspapers
40 required to be made by law.

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

Herbert Isaacson

Chairman Senate Committee

R. F. Matthews

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect

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APPROVED

this the

9th

day of

MARCH

, 1949.

Okey L. Patton
Governor.



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of West Virginia

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D. PITT O'BRIEN,
SECRETARY OF STATE