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SENATE BILL No. 267

(By Mr. McKown)

PASSED. March 12, 1949

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article nine, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one as amended, relating to collection and disbursement of school money by sheriff, the signing of orders for the payment of money issued by the boards of education, providing a penalty for the forgery of signatures to orders for the payment of money, and continuing certain high schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 3. Collection and Disbursement of School Money

2 by Sheriff; Signing of Orders for Payment of Money Is-
sued by Boards of Education; Forgery of Signatures; Penalty; Continuance of Certain High Schools.—The sheriff shall receive, collect and disburse all levies and other school money for the district. He shall keep accounts of the money belonging to the several funds and shall credit and charge every amount to the fund to which it belongs. The sheriff shall pay money only upon the order of the board. The order shall specify the amount to be paid, the purpose for which it is paid, and the fund to which it shall be charged. The order shall be signed by the president and shall be countersigned by the secretary: Provided, however, That in counties having a population in excess of thirty thousand as shown by the last preceding federal census, such signatures and the signature of the sheriff authorizing the payment of such orders by a county depository may be made by means of such mechanical or electrical device as the board may select. Such mechanical or electrical device for the making of the signatures of the president and secretary shall be safely kept in the office of the secretary of the board so that no one shall have access thereto except the pres-
ident and secretary of the board and such of their respective employees as may be authorized to have access thereto. Such mechanical or electrical device for the making of the signature of the sheriff shall be safely kept in the office of the sheriff so that no one shall have access thereto except the sheriff and such of his deputies as may be authorized to have access thereto. If any person shall sign the names of the president or secretary of the board of education, without having authority so to do, by the use of any mechanical or electrical device, or otherwise, or use the facsimile of the signature of either of them on any order, he shall be guilty of forgery; and if any person shall utter or attempt to employ as true such forged order, knowing the same to be forged, he shall, in either event, be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than ten years.

Any high school which has been established and maintained for teacher training and other educational purposes by any board or boards of education in connection with state institutions of higher learning, shall be con-
continued and maintained in the manner provided by the act authorizing such school; except, that the advisory authority formerly vested in the district board or boards of education is hereby transferred to the county board of education; and the levy for the support of such school, formerly laid by the district board or boards of education, shall be laid on all the assessed property of the county, by the county board of education. All expenditures from such fund shall be paid on requisition issued by the county board.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect

Ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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

Governor.

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia MAR 18 1949
D. PITT O'BIEN, SECRETARY OF STATE