

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1949



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 172

(By Mr. Isaacs)



PASSED February 23 1949

In Effect Ninety days from Passage



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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

4 the county vested with authority to try criminal offenses,
5 or of the judge thereof in vacation, may, within his dis-
6 cretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of persons
7 charged with crime, or may expend money for the detec-
8 tion of crime. Any money expended under this section
9 shall, when approved by the prosecuting attorney, be paid
10 out of the county fund, in the same manner as other coun-
11 ty expenses are paid. The county court may also offer
12 reasonable bounties and rewards for the destruction of
13 noxious animals, birds of prey, or weeds in the county,
14 payable out of the county treasury: *Provided, however,*
15 That nothing herein shall permit or give to the prosecut-
16 ing attorney of any county, having a population according
17 to the last official census of sixty thousand or less, the
18 right to appoint a full-time investigator or detector of
19 crime, or to expend any money for the investigation of
20 any crime committed in his county beyond the actual
21 expense of the investigation of said crime, except in the
22 counties of Wayne and Wyoming, the prosecuting attor-
23 ney with the consent of the circuit judge and the county
24 court therein, may appoint an investigator of crime to be

25 paid an annual salary of not less than one thousand two
26 hundred dollars nor more than two thousand four hundred
27 dollars, and actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within
28 these limits by the county court; except further in the
29 county of Lincoln, the prosecuting attorney may appoint
30 an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not
31 less than one thousand two hundred dollars nor more than
32 two thousand four hundred dollars, and actual expenses,
33 the salary within these limits to be fixed by the prosecut-
34 ing attorney; except further in the county of Mason, the
35 prosecuting attorney with the consent of the county court
36 or the circuit judge, may appoint an investigator of crime
37 to be paid a salary of not less than six hundred dollars
38 nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and
39 actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these limits
40 by the county court.

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

Forest L. Mcner

Chairman Senate Committee

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Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect *Ninety days from* passage.

Howard Meyer

Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. H. H. H.

President of the Senate

W. E. E. E.

Speaker House of Delegates

The within *APPROVED* this the *26th* day of *FEBRUARY*, 1949.

Okey L. Patterson

Governor.



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of West Virginia

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D. MITT O'BRIEN,
SECRETARY OF STATE