WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1951

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 156

(By Mr. [Signature])

PASSED February 14, 1951

In Effect [Signature] Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article seven, chapter sixty-two of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter thirty-seven, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine, relating to execution of death sentence.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 3. Execution of Death Sentence.—Sentence of death, except for insurrection or rebellion, shall not be executed sooner than thirty days after the sentence is pronounced. The sentence of death shall, in every case,
be executed by electrocution of the convict until he is dead. Such punishment shall be executed within the walls of the West Virginia penitentiary and not elsewhere, and within an enclosure to be prepared for that purpose, under the direction of the warden of the penitentiary and the authorities in control thereof, which enclosure shall be so constructed as to exclude public view; and the warden of the West Virginia penitentiary, or, in case of his death, absence or inability to act, a deputy warden, shall be the executioner; and for his services in executing such sentence, the said warden, or deputy warden, shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be paid out of any fund on hand appropriated for the maintenance and support of the West Virginia penitentiary.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

A. R. Winters
Chairman Senate Committee

James W. Logan
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect from passage.

Sharon Dyer
Clerk of the Senate

W. E. Harmon
President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 21st day of February, 1951.

Okey L. Patterson
Governor

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia on FEB 22, 1951. 
D. PITI O'BRIEN, 
SECRETARY OF STATE.