

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1951



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 156

(By Mr. Davis)



PASSED February 14, 1951

In Effect from Passage



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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  
2 death, except for insurrection or rebellion, shall not be  
3 executed sooner than thirty days after the sentence is  
4 pronounced. The sentence of death shall, in every case,

5 be executed by electrocution of the convict until he is  
6 dead. Such punishment shall be executed within the  
7 walls of the West Virginia penitentiary and not elsewhere,  
8 and within an enclosure to be prepared for that purpose,  
9 under the direction of the warden of the penitentiary and  
10 the authorities in control thereof, which enclosure shall  
11 be so constructed as to exclude public view; and the war-  
12 den of the West Virginia penitentiary, or, in case of his  
13 death, absence or inability to act, a deputy warden, shall  
14 be the executioner; and for his services in executing such  
15 sentence, the said warden, or deputy warden, shall receive  
16 the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be paid out of any fund  
17 on hand appropriated for the maintenance and support  
18 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. Loop*

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect from passage.

*Harold Meyer*  
Clerk of the Senate

*J. R. Clipp*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*James H. Stewart*  
President of the Senate

*W. E. Hanney*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within APPROVED this the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 1951.

*Chas. L. Patton*  
Governor



now in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia **FEB 22 1951**  
D. PITT O'BRIEN,  
SECRETARY OF STATE