WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1951

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 311

(By Mr.)

PASSED March 1, 1951

In Effect Thirty days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article three, chapter twenty-five-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended by chapter forty-two, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, relating to publication of the reports of the supreme court of appeals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Article 3. Public Printing and Stationery; State Publications.

Section 5. Publication of Reports of Supreme Court of Appeals.—Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this chapter, the official reporter of the supreme court of
appeals shall have charge and supervision of the printing and binding of the reports of the decisions of the supreme court of appeals of the state, and shall contract for their publication within the state of West Virginia, if any West Virginia printer bids on same, in the same manner that the director of purchases contracts under article two of this chapter. Such contract shall provide for the publication of fifteen hundred copies or such additional number as the reporter and supreme court of appeals may jointly direct on such paper and to be bound in accordance with directions and specifications as may be specified by the reporter by and with the concurrence of the court. The size of type and page shall be prescribed by the reporter with the concurrence of the court. A volume shall be published according to the terms of the contract whenever ordered by the court. The reporter shall secure the copyright of each volume for the benefit of the state. The reports shall be styled "West Virginia Reports". The printing and binding of the reports shall be done under the direction of and in the manner prescribed by the reporter, subject to the control of the court. The
reporter shall prefix to the printed report of each case the dates when the same was submitted and decided. Each volume shall, if practicable, contain the reports of at least eighty cases decided by the court, and shall contain approximately one thousand pages unless otherwise ordered by the court, exclusive of the index and table of cases reported and cited. Proof sheets shall be furnished by the printer to the reporter and to each judge of the court, and such corrections and modifications shall be made by the printer as the reporter or any of the judges shall direct. If the work is not done in the manner required by law, the reporter shall not approve the volume and shall not accept it.

The reports of the decisions of the supreme court of appeals may be published in pamphlet form in advance of the publication of the bound volumes of the “West Virginia Reports”, periodically, or at such times as may be directed by the reporter and the supreme court of appeals. The reporter shall secure the copyright of each pamphlet of opinions so published in advance. Each pamphlet shall contain the report of such number of cases as
the supreme court of appeals and the reporter shall deem advisable.

The contract for the publication of such advance sheets shall be made in the manner provided for the publication of bound volumes of the “West Virginia Reports”.

A charge of not less than the actual cost of printing and distribution shall be made for such advance sheets.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

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 approved this the 15th day of March, 1951.

Governor