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HOUSE BILL No. 204

(By Mr. Bowles)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article four, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the commitment and admission of a criminal mentally diseased person.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 5. Commitment and Admission of Criminal Mentally Diseased Person.—If any person charged with or convicted of a crime be found, in the court before which he or she is so charged or was convicted, to be mentally diseased, and if such court shall order him or her to be confined, such convict, if a white male, shall be sent to
the criminal mentally ill building at the Weston state
hospital, or, if a white female, to the Weston state hospital,
and, if colored, either male or female, to the Lakin state
hospital at Lakin, and such person shall be received and
confined at either hospital if there be room therein for him
or her. The sheriff or other officer of the court by which
the order is made shall immediately proceed in the man-
er directed by section one, article four of this chapter, to
ascertain whether such vacancy exists in either of these
hospitals; and until it is ascertained that there is a vacancy,
such person shall be kept in the jail of the county of such
court.
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 thirty 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 5th day of March, 1953.

William C. Markland
Governor