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HOUSE BILL No. 185

(By Mr. Amblen)



PASSED March 14, 1953

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AN ACT to repeal section four, article one, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, and to amend and reenact section two of said article, relating to the department of archives and history and the distribution of state publications.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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article one, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be repealed, and that section two of said article be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 2. *State Historian and Archivist; Duties, Annual*
2 *Report.*—The department shall be in charge of a person
3 who shall be appointed by the governor for a term of four
4 years, and who shall be known as the state historian and

5 archivist. He shall be the custodian of the collections of
6 this department and it shall be his duty to carry into
7 operation and full effect the provisions of section one of
8 this article. He shall have power and authority to adopt
9 and establish such by-laws and regulations for its govern-
10 ment as may seem necessary and proper to effect the
11 objects of the department, subject in all matters, how-
12 ever, to the approval of the governor; and he shall cause
13 to be enforced such library rules and regulations as will
14 aid students, readers, investigators and research workers
15 in the use of the material of the department and in the
16 proper protection thereof. He shall employ the necessary
17 clerical assistants and make rules and regulations for
18 their government. He shall arrange for the publication
19 of such matter as the legislature may from time to time
20 provide for printing, including the editing and publishing
21 of a quarterly historical magazine devoted to the history,
22 biography, bibliography and genealogy of West Virginia.
23 He shall cause the rooms of the department to be kept
24 open to the public daily, except Sunday, from nine
25 o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon,

26 throughout the year; and upon the request of the president
27 of the senate or the speaker of the house of delegates,
28 from seven o'clock until nine o'clock in the evening dur-
29 ing the sessions of the Legislature. He shall make annually
30 a report to the governor to be transmitted by him to the
31 Legislature, which report shall contain a list of all the
32 state's papers, public documents, books, pamphlets, and
33 other property belonging to the department, not thereto-
34 fore published, also a statement of its annual accumula-
35 tions, and a statement of the receipts and expenditures,
36 accompanied by such recommendations as he deems best
37 for the state's interest in said department.

38 It shall be the duty of each state official in the executive
39 department of the state, board, commission and agency
40 of the state, and the president or superintendent of each
41 state institution to furnish the department of archives
42 and history with a sufficient number of all state papers,
43 public records, reports, documents and pamphlets, printed
44 by the respective official, board, commission, agency
45 and institution at state expense, to supply the library
46 of every state institution of higher learning with two

47 copies of each such publication. The state historian and
48 archivist shall cause two copies of each such publication
49 to be sent to each state institution of higher learning
50 to be deposited in the library thereof.

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

H. M. Kinley
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

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Thomas M. Hughes
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The within approved this the 20th
day of March, 1953.

William C. Marland
Governor



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