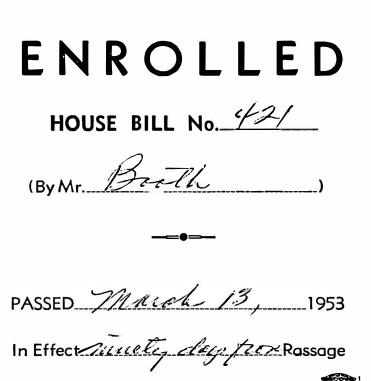
WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1953





ENROLLED House Bill No. 421

(By Mr. Booth)

[Passed March 13, 1953; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article eight, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended, relating to the authority of the director of conservation to acquire lands for conservation purposes and to maintain and develop lands so acquired to further these purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article eight, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended, be amended and reenacted as follows:

Section 1. Acquisition of Suitable Lands by Director; 2 Maintenance Thereof as State Forests or Game and Fish 3 Refuges.—The director may with the consent of the gov-4 ernor purchase, in the name of the state, out of funds set 5 aside for the purpose, or out of any unused funds in his Enr. H. B. No. 421]

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hands, lands suitable for forest culture; state forests; fish 6 7 refuges; game refuges or public shooting grounds: Provided, That such funds may also be used for the construc-8 9 tion of dams for fish refuges on lands so acquired. Pur-10 case may be made on terms requiring not less than one-11 third of the purchase price to be paid at the time of the 12 conveyance with the residue to be paid in not less than 13 one or two years after date. Without the consent of the 14 governor not more than five dollars per acre shall be paid 15 for lands to be used as game refuges and public shooting 16 grounds. The director may also receive the gift of such 17 lands by deed or bequest. In all cases of transfers to the 18 state, the fee simple title shall pass to the state, except 19 minerals and mining rights to remove such minerals may 20 be excepted or reserved.

The director shall protect, preserve and maintain lands so acquired as state forests, game or fish refuges or public shooting grounds, for the propagation and distribution of forest trees and for the protection, propagation and distribution of the fish, wild animals, and birds thereon. He may prescribe and enforce rules and regulations consistent 27 with the laws of the state, to carry out that objective. The 28 director may prescribe and enforce rules prohibiting all 29 fishing and hunting, pursuing, catching, trapping, captur-30 ing and killing of fish, wild animals and birds upon such 31 state forests, and game and fish refuges, for such length 32 of time as he may deem proper.

The director may provide special regulations and open
seasons for the taking of any wild birds, wild animals or
fish on such lands in the manner provided by article three,
section eight of this chapter.

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

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