WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1955

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HOUSE BILL No. 14

(By Mr. Richardson, Mercer)

PASSED February 4, 1955

In Effect Ninety days from Passage

Filed In the Office of the Secretary of State
of West Virginia

D. PITT O'BRIEN
SECRETARY OF STATE
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House Bill No. 16
(By Mr. Richardson, of Mercer)

[Passed February 9, 1955; in effect ninety days from passage.)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, chapter eighteen, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, regular session, one thousand eight hundred ninety-three, relating to election, time of electing, term of office, qualifications and removal from office of the judge of the criminal court of Mercer county; and the filling of vacancies in said office.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three, chapter eighteen, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, regular session, one thousand eight hundred ninety-three, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 3. Election; Qualifications; Term of Judge; Removal from Office; Filling Vacancies.—There shall, at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year one
thousand nine hundred sixty, and every eight years there-
after, be elected by the legal voters of Mercer county,
West Virginia, a judge of the criminal court of said
county, who shall be a resident member of the bar of
said county, and shall be disqualified from practicing law
in all the courts of this state during his continuance in
office, who shall preside over said court for the term of
eight years from the first day of January succeeding said
election, and shall be, except as to jurisdiction, subject
to the laws in force governing circuit judges. The judge
of said court may be removed from office for the same
reasons and in the same manner as judges of the circuit
courts. And if from any cause the office shall become
vacant, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner
as in the case of a vacancy in the office of judge of the
circuit court. The judge of said court elected, at the
genral election held in this state on the Tuesday next
after the first Monday in November in the year one
thousand nine hundred fifty-four, to preside over said
court for the term of six years from the first day of
January succeeding his election, shall hold office until
26 the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred
27 sixty-one, and until his successor is elected and qualified.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signatures]

Chairman Senate Committee

[Signatures]

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

[Signatures]

Clerk of the Senate

[Signatures]

Clerk of the House of Delegates

[Signatures]

President of the Senate

[Signatures]

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 15th day of February, 1955.

[Signature]

Governor

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia on FEB 16, 1955.

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