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REGULAR SESSION, 1955



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HOUSE BILL No. 16

(By Mr. Richardson, of Mercer)



PASSED February 9, 1955

In Effect Ninety days from Passage



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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:

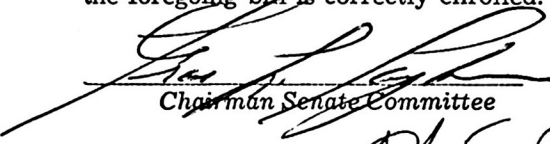
That section three, chapter eighteen, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, regular session, one thousand eight hundred ninety-three, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:


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

5 thousand nine hundred sixty, and every eight years there-
6 after, be elected by the legal voters of Mercer county,
7 West Virginia, a judge of the criminal court of said
8 county, who shall be a resident member of the bar of
9 said county, and shall be disqualified from practicing law
10 in all the courts of this state during his continuance in
11 office, who shall preside over said court for the term of
12 eight years from the first day of January succeeding said
13 election, and shall be, except as to jurisdiction, subject
14 to the laws in force governing circuit judges. The judge
15 of said court may be removed from office for the same
16 reasons and in the same manner as judges of the circuit
17 courts. And if from any cause the office shall become
18 vacant, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner
19 as in the case of a vacancy in the office of judge of the
20 circuit court. The judge of said court elected, at the
21 general election held in this state on the Tuesday next
22 after the first Monday in November in the year one
23 thousand nine hundred fifty-four, to preside over said
24 court for the term of six years from the first day of
25 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.

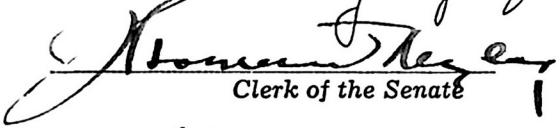
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

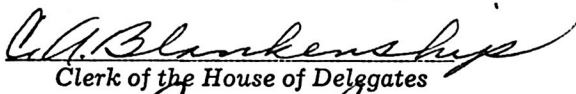

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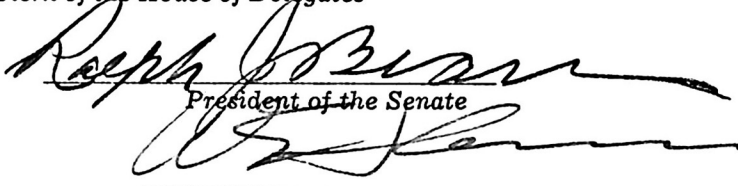

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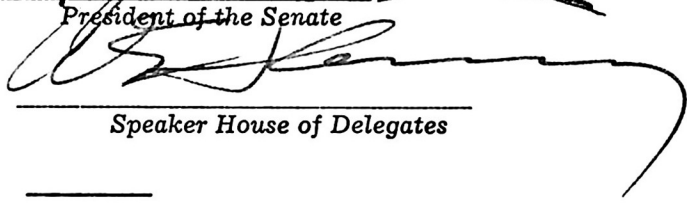
Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect ninety days from passage.


Clerk of the Senate


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President of the Senate


Speaker House of Delegates

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


Governor

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