AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article four, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to rewards and detection of crime.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

   Section 2. Rewards and Detection of Crime; Bounties.—

2 The prosecuting attorney of any county, with the approval of the county court, or of the governor, or of the court of the county vested with authority to try criminal offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation, may, within his discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of persons charged with crime, or may expend money for
the detection of crime. Any money expended under this section shall, when approved by the prosecuting attorney, be paid out of the county fund, in the same manner as other county expenses are paid. The county court may also offer reasonable bounties and rewards for the destruction of noxious animals, birds of prey, or weeds in the county, payable out of the county treasury: Provided, however, That nothing herein shall permit or give to the prosecuting attorney of any county, having a population according to the last official census of sixty thousand or less, the right to appoint a full-time investigator or detector of crime, or to expend any money for the investigation of any crime committed in his county beyond the actual expense of the investigation of said crime, except in the county of Wyoming, the prosecuting attorney with the consent of the circuit judge and the county court therein, may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than one thousand two hundred dollars nor more than twenty four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these limits by the county court; except fur-
ther in the county of Wayne, the prosecuting attorney
may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an an-
nual salary of not less than twenty-four hundred dollars
nor more than thirty-six hundred dollars, and actual ex-
penses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by the
county court; except further in the county of Lincoln,
the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator
of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than one
thousand two hundred dollars nor more than two thou-
sand four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the sal-
ary within these limits to be fixed by the prosecuting
attorney; except further in the county of Mason, the pros-
ecuting attorney with the consent of the county court or
the circuit judge, may appoint an investigator of crime
to be paid a salary of not less than one hundred dollars
nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and
actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these
limits by the county 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 ninety 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 16 day of March, 1955.

Governor

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Secretary of State