

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1955

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HOUSE BILL No. 460

(By Mr. Fry)

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PASSED March 12 1955

In Effect immediately after Passage

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of West Virginia **MAR 17 1955**
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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[Passed March 12, 1955; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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 ap-
3 proval of the county court, or of the governor, or of the
4 court of the county vested with authority to try criminal
5 offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation, may, within
6 his discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of
7 persons charged with crime, or may expend money for

8 the detection of crime. Any money expended under this
9 section shall, when approved by the prosecuting at-
10 torney, be paid out of the county fund, in the same man-
11 ner as other county expenses are paid. The county
12 court may also offer reasonable bounties and rewards
13 for the destruction of noxious animals, birds of prey,
14 or weeds in the county, payable out of the county treas-
15 ury: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein shall per-
16 mit or give to the prosecuting attorney of any county,
17 having a population according to the last official census
18 of sixty thousand or less, the right to appoint a full-time
19 investigator or detector of crime, or to expend any money
20 for the investigation of any crime committed in his
21 county beyond the actual expense of the investigation of
22 said crime, except in the county of Wyoming, the prose-
23 cuting attorney with the consent of the circuit judge and
24 the county court therein, may appoint an investigator of
25 crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than one
26 thousand two hundred dollars nor more than twenty
27 four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary to be
28 fixed within these limits by the county court; except fur-

29 ther in the county of Wayne, the prosecuting attorney
30 may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an an-
31 nual salary of not less than twenty-four hundred dollars
32 nor more than thirty-six hundred dollars, and actual ex-
33 penses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by the
34 county court; except further in the county of Lincoln,
35 the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator
36 of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than one
37 thousand two hundred dollars nor more than two thou-
38 sand four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the sal-
39 ary within these limits to be fixed by the prosecuting
40 attorney; except further in the county of Mason, the pros-
41 ecuting attorney with the consent of the county court or
42 the circuit judge, may appoint an investigator of crime
43 to be paid a salary of not less than one hundred dollars
44 nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and
45 actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these
46 limits by the county court.

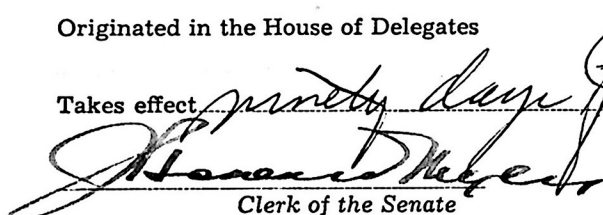
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.



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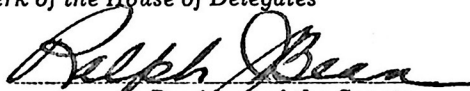

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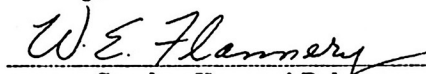
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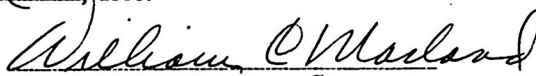

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President of the Senate


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The within approved this the 16
day of March, 1955.


Governor

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