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HOUSE BILL No. 490

(By Mr. Booth and Mr. Walker)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section five and sections five-(one) through five-(fifty-four), inclusive, article one, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended, relating to compensation of county commissioners for services other than services in court.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section five and sections five-(one) through five-(fifty-four), inclusive, article one, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 5. *Duties of County Commissioners and Payment for Services Other than Services in Court.*—It shall
2 be the duty of the county commissioners of each county
3 to visit each quarter and inspect institutions within their
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5 county for housing and caring for the poor, to inspect the
6 jails, and to arrange for the feeding and care of the
7 prisoners therein, and to investigate the conditions of the
8 poor within their county, not housed within such institu-
9 tions; to visit detention homes for children within their
10 counties, if any, and to visit and inspect bridges and
11 bridge approaches under their control; to provide for and
12 have general supervision over the repair and mainten-
13 ance of the county courthouse, jails, houses for the poor
14 and other county property, so as to prevent the undue
15 deterioration thereof; to supervise and control the main-
16 tenance and operation of airport or airports owned and/or
17 operated by the county court; and to supervise and con-
18 trol the purchase, erection and maintenance of airport
19 facilities; to supervise and control the purchase of furni-
20 ture, fixtures and equipment, and janitors' and other
21 supplies, for their county; to attend the annual meeting
22 of county assessors, and such district meetings as may
23 be called by the state tax commissioner, on matters per-
24 taining to the work of the county assessors and county
25 courts as boards of review and equalization; to review

26 and equalize the assessments made by the assessor; to
27 inspect and review the lists of property both real and
28 personal, made up by the assessor and his deputies for
29 taxable purposes, and to point out to the assessor any
30 property, real or personal, which the said assessors of
31 their respective counties may have overlooked or omitted
32 to place on said tax lists; to call to the attention of the
33 assessor all real estate or personal property belonging
34 to churches, lodges, schools or other charitable institu-
35 tions which may have been overlooked or omitted by the
36 assessor or his deputies in making up his lists of property
37 for entry on the land and personal property books; to
38 cooperate with the county public assistance council and
39 supervise the general management of the fiscal affairs
40 and business of each county; and as a further part of
41 their duties they shall be empowered to purchase, lease,
42 rent, control, supervise, inspect, maintain and erect pub-
43 lic parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities, to
44 purchase, lease or rent equipment therefor, and to em-
45 ploy qualified recreational directors and personnel, and
46 constructing new Four-H camps on county property, op-

47 erating stone quarries and sand deposits on county owned
48 or leased property; constructing buildings for or aiding
49 in construction and/or equipping civilian defense build-
50 ings on sites approved by state office of civilian defense;
51 operating dog pounds for county-municipalities.

52 Compensation shall be allowed and paid out of the
53 county treasury, in the same manner as salaries are paid,
54 to each county commissioner of each county (except as
55 otherwise provided by law for the county of Ohio), for
56 services performed for such county concerning the visit-
57 ing of the poor, inspection of jails, bridges and bridge
58 approaches, and for visiting detention homes for children;
59 and for providing for and supervising the repair and
60 maintenance of the county courthouse, jails, houses for
61 the poor, and other county property, for supervising
62 and controlling the maintenance and operation of air-
63 port or airports owned by and/or operated by the county
64 court; and supervising and controlling the purchase,
65 erection and maintenance of airport facilities; and for
66 supervising and controlling the purchase of furniture,
67 fixtures and equipment and janitors' and other supplies

68 of their county; and for attending the annual meeting of
69 assessors and such district meetings as may be called by
70 the state tax commissioner, on matters pertaining to the
71 work of assessors and county courts as boards of review
72 and equalization; for reviewing and equalizing the assess-
73 ments made by the assessors; for inspecting and review-
74 ing the lists of property, both real and personal, made up
75 by the assessor and his deputies for taxable purposes,
76 and for pointing out to the assessor any property, real
77 and personal, which the said assessors of their respective
78 counties may have overlooked or omitted to place on said
79 tax lists; for calling to the attention of the assessor all
80 real estate or personal property belonging to churches,
81 lodges, schools or other charitable institutions which may
82 have been overlooked or omitted by the assessor or his
83 deputies in making up his lists of property for entry on
84 the land and personal property books; and for duties of
85 the county commissioners in cooperating with the county
86 public assistance council, for purchasing, leasing, rent-
87 ing, controlling, supervising, inspecting, maintaining and
88 erecting public parks, playgrounds, and recreational fa-

89 cilities, and the purchasing, leasing, or renting the equip-
90 ment therefor, and employing qualified recreational di-
91 rectors and personnel therefor, and constructing new
92 Four-H camps on county property, operating stone quar-
93 ries and sand deposits on county owned or leased prop-
94 erty; constructing buildings for or aiding in construction
95 and/or equipping civilian defense buildings on sites ap-
96 proved by state office or civilian defense; operating dog
97 pounds for county-municipalities and for supervising
98 the general management of the fiscal affairs and busi-
99 ness of each county, within their counties, and other
100 business by such commissioners, in addition to compen-
101 sation for services in court, the sums of money herein-
102 after provided in the following sections five- (one) to five-
103 (fifty-four), inclusive.

Sec. 5- (1). *Compensation of County Commissioners—*
2 *Barbour County.*—For the county of Barbour, seventy-
3 five dollars per month.

Sec. 5- (2). *Berkeley County.*—For the county of Berke-
2 ley, the president of the court one hundred twenty-five

3 dollars and other members of the court one hundred
4 dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(3). *Boone County*.—For the county of Boone,
2 the president of the court one hundred fifteen dollars and
3 the other members of the court ninety dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(4). *Braxton County*.—For the county of Brax-
2 ton, sixty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(5). *Brooke County*.—For the county of Brooke,
2 one hundred dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(6). *Cabell County*.—For the county of Cabell,
2 two hundred dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(7). *Calhoun County*.—For the county of Cal-
2 houn, fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(8). *Clay County*.—For the county of Clay,
2 forty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(9). *Doddridge County*.—For the county of
2 Doddridge, fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(10). *Fayette County*.—For the county of Fay-
2 ette, two hundred fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(11). *Gilmer County*.—For the county of Gilmer,
2 fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(12). *Grant County*.—For the county of Grant,
2 thirty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(13). *Greenbrier County*.—For the county of
2 Greenbrier, seventy-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(14). *Hampshire County*.—For the county of
2 Hampshire, the president of the court seventy-five dollars
3 and the other members of the court fifty dollars per
4 month.

Sec. 5-(15). *Hancock County*.—For the county of Han-
2 cock, one hundred fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(16). *Hardy County*.—For the county of Hardy,
2 fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(17). *Harrison County*.—For the county of
2 Harrison, two hundred seventy-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(18). *Jackson County*.—For the county of Jack-
2 son, seventy-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(19). *Jefferson County*.—For the county of
2 Jefferson, the president of the court one hundred twenty-
3 five dollars and the other members of the court one hun-
4 dred dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(20). *Kanawha County*.—For the county of
2 Kanawha, four hundred seventy-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(21). *Lewis County*.—For the county of Lewis,
2 one hundred dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(22). *Lincoln County*.—For the county of Lin-
2 coln, one hundred twenty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(23). *Logan County*.—For the county of Logan,
2 the president of the court, two hundred fifty dollars and
3 the other members of the court two hundred twenty-five
4 dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(24). *Marion County*.—For the county of Marion,
2 three hundred fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(25). *Marshall County*.—For the county of Mar-
2 shall, one hundred dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(26). *Mason County*.—For the county of Mason,
2 seventy-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(27). *McDowell County*.—For the county of
2 McDowell, two hundred dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(28). *Mercer County*.—For the county of Mer-
2 cer, the president of the court two hundred seventy-five

3 dollars and the other members of the court two hundred
4 twenty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(29). *Mineral County*.—For the county of Min-
2 eral, the president of the court eighty-five dollars and the
3 other members of the court seventy-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(30). *Mingo County*.—For the county of Mingo,
2 one hundred seventy-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(31). *Morgan County*.—For the county of Mor-
2 gan, fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(32). *Monroe County*.—For the county of Mon-
2 roe, fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(33). *Monongalia County*.—For the county of
2 Monongalia, two hundred dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(34). *Nicholas County*.—For the county of
2 Nicholas, fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(35). *Pendleton County*.—For the county of Pen-
2 dleton, thirty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(36). *Pleasants County*.—For the county of
2 Pleasants, forty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(37). *Pocahontas County*.—For the county of
2 Pocahontas, twenty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(38). *Preston County*.—For the county of Preston, the president of the county court sixty-five dollars, and other members of the court fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(39). *Putnam County*.—For the county of Putnam, one hundred dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(40). *Raleigh County*.—For the county of Raleigh, the president of the county court two hundred dollars per month, and other members of the court one hundred ninety dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(41). *Randolph County*.—For the county of Randolph, one hundred dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(42). *Ritchie County*.—For the county of Ritchie, fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(43). *Roane County*.—For the county of Roane, sixty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(44). *Summers County*.—For the county of Summers, sixty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(45). *Taylor County*.—For the county of Taylor, fifty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(46). *Tucker County*.—For the county of Tucker, thirty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(47). *Tyler County*.—For the county of Tyler,
2 sixty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(48). *Upshur County*.—For the county of Up-
2 shur, fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(49). *Wayne County*.—For the county of Wayne,
2 one hundred fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(50). *Webster County*.—For the county of Web-
2 ster, seventy-five dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(51). *Wetzel County*.—For the county of Wetzel,
2 eighty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(52). *Wirt County*.—For the county of Wirt,
2 thirty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(53). *Wood County*.—For the county of Wood,
2 two hundred fifty dollars per month.

Sec. 5-(54). *Wyoming County*.—For the county of Wy-
2 oming, one hundred fifty dollars per month.

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

Alvin C. ...
Chairman Senate Committee

W. T. Brantley Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect *thirty days from* passage.
Howard ...
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blenkinship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Ralph ...
President of the Senate

W. E. Flannery
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *17*
day of *March*, 1955.

William C. Marland
Governor



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