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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article nine, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to collection and disbursement of school money by sheriff, the signing of orders for the payment of money issued by the boards of education, providing a penalty for the forgery of signatures to orders for the payment of money, and continuing certain high schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

- Section 3. Collection and Disbursement of School
- 2 Money by Sheriff; Signing of Orders for Payment of
- 3 Money Issued by Boards of Education; Forgery of Signa-

- 4 tures; Penalty; Continuance of Certain High Schools.-
- 5 The sheriff shall receive, collect and disburse all levies
- 6 and other school money for the district. He shall keep
- 7 accounts of the money belonging to the several funds and
- 8 shall credit and charge every amount to the fund to which
- 9 it belongs. The sheriff shall pay money only upon the
- 10 order of the board. The order shall specify the amount to
- 11 be paid, the purpose for which it is paid, and the fund to
- 12 which it shall be charged. The order shall be signed by
- 13 the president and shall be countersigned by the secretary:
- 14 Provided, however, That such signatures and the signa-
- 15 ture of the sheriff authorizing the payment of such orders
- 16 by a county depository may be made by means of such

mechanical or electrical device as the board may select.

- 18 Such mechanical or electrical device for the making of
- 19 the signatures of the president and secretary shall be
- 20 safely kept in the office of the secretary of the board so
- 21 that no one shall have access thereto except the president
- 22 and secretary of the board and such of their respective
- 23 employees as may be authorized to have access thereto.
- 24 Such mechanical or electrical device for the making of the

signature of the sheriff shall be safely kept in the office of 25 26 the sheriff so that no one shall have access thereto except the sheriff and such of his deputies as may be authorized 27 to have access thereto. If any person shall sign the names 28 of the president or secretary of the board of education, 29 without having authority so to do, by the use of any 30 mechanical or electrical device, or otherwise, or use the 32 facsimile of the signature of either of them on any order, he shall be guilty of forgery; and if any person shall utter 34 or attempt to employ as true such forged order, knowing 35 the same to be forged, he shall, in either event, be guilty 36 of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be confined in the 37 penitentiary not less than two nor more than ten years. 38 Any high school which has been established and maintained for teacher training and other educational purposes by any board or boards of education in connection with state institutions of higher learning, shall be continued and maintained in the manner provided by the act authorizing such school; except, that the advisory authority 43 formerly vested in the district board or boards of education is hereby transferred to the county board of educa-

- 46 tion; and the levy for the support of such school, formerly
- 47 laid by the district board or boards of education, shall be
- 48 laid on all the assessed property of the county, by the
- 49 county board of education. All expenditures from such
- 50 fund shall be paid on requisition issued by the county
- 51 board.

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

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