WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1957

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HOUSE BILL No. 127

(By Mr. )

PASSED March 4, 1957

In Effect July 1, 1957
AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article five, chapter twenty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to workmen's compensation appeal board.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 2. Workmen's Compensation Appeal Board.—
2 There shall be a board to be known as the “Workmen's Compensation Appeal Board,” which shall be referred to in this chapter as the “board,” to be composed of three members, none of whom shall be a contributor to the compensation fund or in any way connected with a contributor thereto and none of whom shall be a beneficiary
of the compensation fund or in any way connected with a
beneficiary thereof. Two members of such board shall be
of opposite politics to the third, and all three shall be
citizens of this state who have resided therein for a period
of at least five years. All members of the board shall be
appointed by the governor for a term of six years. The
governor is hereby vested with power to remove any mem-
ber of the board according to section four, article six,
chapter six of this code. They shall each receive an
annual salary of three thousand six hundred dollars,
payable in monthly installments, and shall also be entitled
to reasonable and necessary traveling and other expenses
incurred while actually engaged in the performance of
their duties. The governor shall designate one of the mem-
ers of the board as chairman thereof, and the board
shall meet at the capitol or at such other places throughout
the state as it may deem proper, at regular sessions com-
mencing on the first Tuesday in February, April, June,
August, October and December, and continuing as long
as may be necessary for the proper and expeditious trans-
action of the business before it. All clerical services re-
quired by the board shall be paid for by the compensation
commissioner from any funds at his disposal. The board
shall, from time to time, compile and promulgate such
rules of practice and procedure as to it shall appear proper
for the prompt and efficient discharge of its business and
such rules shall be submitted to the supreme court of
appeals for approval, and if approved by such court shall
have the same force and effect as the approved rules of
procedure of circuit courts. The board shall employ such
clerical staff as may be necessary for the efficient conduct
of its business but the number of such employees shall
not exceed two. Salaries of the board, and its employees,
and all of its necessary operating expense shall be paid
from the workmen's compensation fund. The board shall
submit its annual budget to the state compensation com-
missioner for inclusion as a separate item in the budget
estimates prepared by him annually, and, within the limits
of such budget, all expenses of the board shall be by
requisition to the commissioner. Salaries of the employees
of the board shall be fixed by the board.
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 July 1, 1957

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker, House of Delegates

The within approved this the 14th day of March, 1957.

Governor

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