

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1957

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SENATE BILL NO. 340

(By Mr. Moats)

PASSED March 6 1957

In Effect from Passage



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[Passed March 6, 1957; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section six, article three, chapter sixty-two of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the custody of juries, their expenses and conversation with jurors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 6. *Custody of Jury; Expenses; No Conversation with Jurors.*—After a jury in a case of felony punishable by death is impaneled and sworn, they shall be placed in

4 the custody of the sheriff or other officer or officers desig-
5 nated by the court until they agree upon a verdict or are
6 discharged by the court. In a case of felony in which the
7 punishment cannot be death, the jury shall not be placed
8 in the custody of the sheriff or other officer or officers
9 unless the court, in its discretion, order it to be so placed
10 in the custody of the sheriff or other officer or officers.
11 While a jury is placed in the custody of the sheriff or
12 other officer or officers as herein provided, they shall be
13 furnished with suitable board and lodgings by the sheriff
14 or other officer. After a jury has been impaneled no
15 sheriff or other officer shall converse with, or permit any-
16 one else to converse with a juror unless by leave of the
17 court. The court shall, in its discretion, determine the
18 manner in which the jury shall be kept in custody by the
19 sheriff or other officer or officers until the jury agree upon
20 a verdict or are discharged by the court.

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

E. A. McCurt
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect from passage.

J. Howard Kuyper
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 15th
day of March, 1957.

D. Pitt O'Brien
Governor



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of West Virginia MAR 15 1957

D. PITT O'BRIEN
SECRETARY OF STATE