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REGULAR SESSION, 1959



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 332

(By Mr. Singleton)



PASSED March 12 1959

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article five, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to bribery of commissioner of court, auditor, justice of the peace, arbitrator, umpire, or juror, and providing penalties for violations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 7. *Bribery of Commissioner of Court, Auditor,*
2 *Justice of the Peace, Arbitrator, Umpire, Juror, or other*
3 *County Official, either Elected or Appointed; Penalty.—*
4 Any person who gives or offers, directly or through any
5 other person or persons, or promises, directly or indirect-

6 ly, to give any money or other thing of value to a com-
7 missioner appointed by a court, auditor, justice of the
8 peace, arbitrator, umpire, juror (although not impaneled),
9 or other county official, either elected or appointed, with
10 intent to bias his opinion or influence his decision in rela-
11 tion to any matter in which he is acting or is to act; and
12 any such commissioner, auditor, justice of the peace, ar-
13 bitrator, umpire, juror, or other county official, either
14 elected or appointed, who corruptly takes or receives such
15 money or other thing of value, or who agrees to take such
16 money or other thing of value to bias or influence his
17 opinion or action or both, shall be guilty of a felony, and,
18 upon conviction, shall be confined in the penitentiary not
19 less than one nor more than ten years, and fined in addi-
20 tion thereto not exceeding five thousand dollars.

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

W. R. Jasper
Chairman Senate Committee

Eudora Andrews
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect 90 days from passage.

J. Howard Keyes
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Ralph Bean
President of the Senate

H. R. Bailey
Speaker, House of Delegates

The within approved this the 18th

day of March, 1959.

Leif Henderson
Governor

