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HOUSE BILL No... 6.....

(By Mr. Smith (of Putnam) of Mr. Carey)



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(By MR. SMITH, OF PUTNAM, AND MR. CASEY)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections one, one-e, one-f, one-l and one-bb, article two, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, and to further amend said article two by adding thereto a new section, designated section one-cc, all relating to establishment of judicial circuits and terms of court therein.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section one, one-e, one-f, one-l and one-bb, article two, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted, and that said article two be further amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section one-cc, all to read as follows:

Section 1. *Judicial Circuits; Judges; Terms of Court.*—

2 The state shall be divided into judicial circuits as  
3 follows: The counties of Brooke, Hancock and Ohio  
4 shall constitute the first circuit; the counties of Mar-  
5 shall, Tyler and Wetzel shall constitute the second  
6 circuit; the counties of Doddridge, Pleasants and Ritchie  
7 shall constitute the third circuit; the counties of Wood  
8 and Wirt shall constitute the fourth circuit; the counties  
9 of Calhoun, Jackson and Roane shall constitute the fifth  
10 circuit; the county of Cabell shall constitute the sixth  
11 circuit; the county of Logan shall constitute the seventh  
12 circuit; the county of McDowell shall constitute the  
13 eighth circuit; the county of Mercer shall constitute  
14 the ninth circuit; the county of Raleigh shall con-  
15 stitute the tenth circuit; the counties of Greenbrier,  
16 Monroe, Pocahontas and Summers shall constitute the  
17 eleventh circuit; the county of Fayette shall constitute  
18 the twelfth circuit; the county of Kanawha shall con-  
19 stitute the thirteenth circuit; the counties of Brax-  
20 ton, Clay, Gilmer and Webster shall constitute the  
21 fourteenth circuit; the county of Harrison shall constitute  
22 the fifteenth circuit; the county of Marion shall constitute

23 the sixteenth circuit; the county of Monongalia shall  
24 constitute the seventeenth circuit; the county of Preston  
25 shall constitute the eighteenth circuit; the counties of  
26 Barbour and Taylor shall constitute the nineteenth circuit;  
27 the county of Randolph shall constitute the twentieth  
28 circuit; the counties of Grant, Mineral and Tucker shall  
29 constitute the twenty-first circuit; the counties of Hamp-  
30 shire, Hardy and Pendleton shall constitute the twenty-  
31 second circuit; the counties of Berkeley, Jefferson and  
32 Morgan shall constitute the twenty-third circuit; the  
33 counties of Mingo and Wayne shall constitute the twenty-  
34 fourth circuit; the counties of Lincoln and Boone shall con-  
35 stitute the twenty-fifth circuit; the counties of Lewis and  
36 Upshur shall constitute the twenty-sixth circuit; the  
37 county of Wyoming shall constitute the twenty-seventh  
38 circuit; the county of Nicholas shall constitute the twenty-  
39 eighth circuit; and the counties of Mason and Putnam  
40 shall constitute the twenty-ninth circuit.

41 There shall be elected on the Tuesday next after the  
42 first Monday in November, one thousand nine hundred  
43 sixty, and every eighth year thereafter, one judge in each

44 of the circuits herein constituted, except for the first  
45 circuit there shall be two judges elected.

46 The terms of the several circuit judges of the counties  
47 aforesaid shall commence and be held each year as here-  
48 inafter provided.

Sec. 1-e. *Fifth Circuit.*—For the county of Calhoun, on  
2 the third Monday in February, June and October. For  
3 the county of Jackson, on the first Monday in January,  
4 May and September. For the county of Roane, on the  
5 fourth Monday in January, May and September.

Sec. 1-f. *Sixth Circuit.*—For the county of Cabell, on  
2 the first Monday in January and May, and on the second  
3 Monday in September.

Sec. 1-l. *Twelfth Circuit.*—For the county of Fayette on  
2 the first Tuesday in January, April and July, and the third  
3 Tuesday in September.

Sec. 1-bb. *Twenty-eighth Circuit.*—For the county of  
2 Nicholas, on the third Tuesday in February, May, August  
3 and November.

Sec. 1-cc. *Twenty-ninth Circuit.*—For the county of  
2 Mason, on the first Monday in January, May and Septem-

3 ber. For the county of Putnam, on the first Monday in  
4 March, and on the second Monday in July and November.

5 This act insofar as it relates to the rearrangement of  
6 judicial circuits and terms of court therein shall become  
7 effective on January one, one thousand nine hundred  
8 sixty-one, but the provisions of this act relating to the  
9 election of judges of the judicial circuits, as rearranged  
10 herein, shall become effective as of the date of passage of  
11 this act: *Provided*, That persons desiring to file for  
12 nomination as judge of either the twelfth, twenty-eighth  
13 or twenty-ninth judicial circuits at the primary election  
14 to be held on the second Tuesday in May, one thousand  
15 nine hundred sixty, shall have ten days from and after the  
16 date of passage of this act within which to file for such  
17 nomination.

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

*Harold Davis, Jr.*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Eugene Andrews*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect *from* ..... passage.

*Thomas Meyer*  
Clerk of the Senate

*W. Blankenship*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Ralph Bean*  
President of the Senate

*H. Bailey*  
Speaker, House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *16th*  
day of *February*, 1960.

*Jeff Henderson*  
Governor



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