

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1961



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HOUSE BILL No. *412*.....

(By Mr. *Singleton* and Mr. *Beatherton*)



PASSED *March 11* 1961

In Effect *July 1, 1961* Passage

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**House Bill No. 412**

(By MR. SPEAKER, MR. SINGLETON, and MR. BROTHERTON)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article one, chapter nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, and to amend and reenact sections one and five, article three of said chapter, all relating to abolishing the department of public assistance and the office of director of public assistance; creating the department of welfare and the office of commissioner of welfare in lieu thereof, and providing compensation therefor.

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

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

**Article 1. State Department of Welfare.**

Section 2. *State Department of Welfare.*—There is here-  
2 by created the state department of welfare which shall  
3 have and is hereby granted all the powers, authority and  
4 duties performed by the department of public assistance  
5 which department is hereby abolished. Wherever in this  
6 chapter or elsewhere in law reference is made to the de-  
7 partment of public assistance such reference shall hence-  
8 forth be construed and understood to mean the state de-  
9 partment of welfare.

**Article 3. State Commissioner of Welfare.**

Section 1. *Commissioner of Welfare.*—The office of state  
2 commissioner of welfare is hereby created. The commis-  
3 sioner shall have and is hereby granted all of the powers  
4 and authority and shall perform all of the functions and  
5 duties vested in and performed by the director of public  
6 assistance which office is hereby abolished. Wherever in  
7 this chapter or elsewhere in law reference is made to the  
8 director of public assistance such reference shall hence-  
9 forth be construed and understood to mean the state com-  
10 missioner of welfare.  
11 The commissioner shall be appointed by the governor,

12 with the advice and consent of the senate, for a term of  
13 six years, unless removed by the governor. Any appoint-  
14 ment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term.

Sec. 5. *Compensation.*—The commissioner shall receive  
2 an annual salary of eight thousand dollars and, in addi-  
3 tion, the necessary traveling expenses incident to the per-  
4 formance of his duties. Requisitions for traveling ex-  
5 penses shall be accompanied by a sworn and itemized  
6 statement which shall be filed with the auditor and pre-  
7 served as a public record.

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

*James Davis, Jr.*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Mrs. A. M. Withrow*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1961. ~~passage.~~

*Thomas Mages*  
Clerk of the Senate

*C. A. Blankenship*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Howard Pearson*  
President of the Senate

*Julius W. Singleton Jr.*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 1961.

*W. W. Barron*  
Governor

