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AN ACT to amend chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia,
one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by
adding thereto a new article twenty-one, imposing a tax
on personal incomes as such incomes are defined for federal
income tax purposes, and providing for the administration
and collection thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article twenty-one, to read as follows:

Article 21. Personal Income Tax.

Section 1. Legislative Findings.—The Legislature here-

- 2 by finds and declares that the adoption by this state for
- 3 its personal income tax purposes of the provisions of the
- 4 laws of the United States relating to the determination of
- 5 income for federal income tax purposes will (1) simplify
- 6 preparation of state income tax returns by taxpayers, (2)
- 7 improve enforcement of the state income tax through
- 8 better use of information obtained from federal income
- 9 tax audits, and (3) aid interpretation of the state tax law
- 10 through increased use of federal judicial and administra-
- 11 tive determinations and precedents.
- 12 The Legislature does therefore declare that this article
- 13 twenty-one be construed so as to accomplish the forego-
- 14 ing purposes.

Sec. 2. Short Title; Arrangement and Classification.—

- 2 This article may be cited as the "West Virginia Personal
- 3 Income Tax Act." No inference, implication or presump-
- 4 tion of legislative construction shall be drawn or made by
- 5 reason of the location or grouping of any particular sec-
- 6 tion or provision or portion of this article, nor shall the de-

- 7 scriptive matter or headings relating to any part, section,
- 8 subsection, or paragraph be given any legal effect.
 - Sec. 3. Persons Subject to Tax.—(a) Imposition of Tax.
- 2 —A tax determined in accordance with the rates set forth
- 3 in section four of this article is hereby imposed for each
- 4 taxable year on the West Virginia taxable income of every
- 5 individual, estate and trust.
- 6 (b) Partners and Partnerships.—A partnership as such
- 7 shall not be subject to tax under this article. Persons car-
- 8 rying on business as partners shall be liable for tax un-
- 9 der this article only in their separate or individual ca-
- 10 pacities.
- 11 (c) Associations Taxable as Corporations.—An associa-
- 12 tion, trust or other unincorporated organization which is
- 13 taxable as a corporation for federal income tax purposes,
- 14 shall not be subject to tax under this article.
- 15 (d) Exempt Trusts and Organizations.—A trust or
- 16 other unincorporated organization which by reason of its
- 17 purposes or activities is exempt from federal income tax
- 18 shall be exempt from tax under this article (regardless
- 19 of whether subject to federal income tax on unrelated

- 20 business taxable income).
- 21 (e) Cross References.—For definitions of West Vir-
- 22 ginia taxable income of-
- 23 (1) Resident individual, see section eleven.
- 24 (2) Resident estate or trust, see section eighteen.
- 25 (3) Nonresident individual, see section thirty-one.
- 26 (4) Nonresident estate or trust, see section thirty-27 eight.
 - Sec. 4. Rate of Tax.—(a) Rate of Tax on Individuals.—
 - 2 The tax imposed by section three of this article on the
 - 3 West Virginia taxable income of every individual (other
 - 4 than a head of a household to whom subsection (b) ap-
- 5 plies) and upon the West Virginia taxable income of every
- 6 estate and trust shall be equal to six per centum of the
- 7 federal income tax which would be imposed on an ident-
- 8 ical amount of federal taxable income under subsection
- 9 (a) of section one of the United States Internal Revenue
- 10 Code of 1954.
- 11 (b) Rate of Tax on Heads of Households.—The tax im-
- 12 posed by section three of this article on the West Virginia
- 13 taxable income of every individual who is a head of a

- 14 household in the determination of his federal income tax
- 15 for the taxable year shall be equal to six per centum of
- 16 the federal income tax which would be imposed upon an
- 17 identical amount of federal taxable income under sub-
- 18 section (b) of section one of the United States Internal
- 19 Revenue Code of 1954.
- 20 (c) Rates of Tax in Case of Joint Return or Return of
- 21 Surviving Spouse.—In the case of a joint return of a hus-
- 22 band and wife, the tax imposed by section three of this
- 23 article on the West Virginia taxable income shall be equal
- 24 to six per centum of twice the tax which would be im-
- 25 posed upon half the identical amount of federal taxable
- 26 income under subsection (a) of section one of the United
- 27 States Internal Revenue Code of 1954. For purposes of
- 28 this subsection of this article and for the purposes of sec-
- 29 tion five of this article, the return of an individual who is
- 30 entitled to file his federal income tax return for the tax-
- 31 able year as a surviving spouse shall be treated as a **joint**
- 32 return of a husband and wife.
 - Sec. 5. Optional Tax for Certain Resident Individuals.
- 2 (a) General.—The tax commissioner may promulgate

- 3 tables enabling resident individuals who meet the condi-
- 4 tions of this section to compute their taxes under section
- 5 three of this article on the basis of their federal adjusted
- 6 gross incomes.
- 7 (b) Tables.—The tables promulgated under this section
- 8 shall show the amounts of tax due under section three of
- 9 this article to the nearest two dollars (or such smaller
- 10 amount as the tax commissioner may establish.)
- 11 (c) Conditions for Optional Computation.— The op-
- 12 tional tax computation under this section may be elected
- 13 only if all the following conditions are satisfied by the
- 14 taxpayer, or by both husband and wife whose federal in-
- 15 come tax is determined on a joint return:
- 16 (1) The taxpayer has elected to take the standard de-
- 17 duction for federal income tax purposes or to pay the fed-
- 18 eral optional tax.
- 19 (2) The taxpayer has no items of income or deduction
- 20 described in section twelve (b) or (d) as an individual,
- 21 as a partner, or as a beneficiary of an estate or trust.
- 22 (3) The taxpayer's federal income tax is not reduced
- 23 by operation of:

- 24 (a) the federal alternative tax on long term capital
- 25 gains, or
- 26 (b) a federal provision which has the effect of taxing
- 27 income of the taxable year as if it were partly or wholly
- 28 income of a prior taxable year.
- 29 (4) The taxpayer satisfies such other conditions, not
- 30 inconsistent with the purposes of this section, as may be
- 31 specified by the tax commissioner.
- 32 (d) Manner of Election.—The election by a taxpayer
- 33 to compute his tax under this section shall be made under
- 34 regulations of the tax commissioner.
- 35 (e) Husband and Wife Computing West Virginia Taxes
- 36 Separately.—
- 37 (1) A husband or wife who files a separate federal re-
- 38 turn may elect the optional tax computation under this
- 39 section only if the other spouse's tax under this article,
- 40 if any, is determined under this section.
- 41 (2) A husband and wife who file a joint federal re-
- 42 turn may not elect the optional tax computation under
- 43 this section if they elect to determine their West Virginia
- 44 taxes separately.

- Sec. 6. Accounting Periods and Methods.—(a) Account-
- 2 ing Periods.—A taxpayer's taxable year under this article
- 3 shall be the same as his taxable year for federal income
- 4 tax purposes.
- 5 (b) Change of Accounting Periods.—If a taxpayer's
- 6 taxable year is changed for federal income tax purposes,
- 7 his taxable year for purposes of this article shall be sim-
- 8 ilarly changed. If a taxable year of less than twelve
- 9 months results from a change of taxable year, the West
- 10 Virginia standard deduction, the West Virginia personal
- 11 exemptions and the credits allowed under section eight
- 12 shall be prorated under regulations of the tax commis-
- 13 sioner.
- 14 (c) Accounting Methods.—A taxpayer's method of ac-
- 15 counting under this article shall be the same as his method
- 16 of accounting for federal income tax purposes. In the ab-
- 17 sence of any method of accounting for federal income tax
- 18 purposes, West Virginia taxable income shall be computed
- 19 under such method as in the opinion of the tax commis-
- 20 sioner clearly reflects income.
- 21 (d) Change of Accounting Methods.—

- 22 (1) If a taxpayer's method of accounting is changed
- 23 for federal income tax purposes, his method of accounting
- 24 for purposes of this article shall be similarly changed.
- 25 (2) If a taxpayer's method of accounting is changed,
- 26 other than from an accrual to an installment method, any
- 27 additional tax which results from adjustments determined
- 28 to be necessary solely by reason of the change shall not
- 29 be greater than if such adjustments were rateably al-
- 30 located and included for the taxable year of the change
- 31 and the preceding taxable years, not in excess of two,
- 32 during which the taxpayer used the method of accounting
- 33 from which the change is made.
- 34 (3) If a taxpayer's method of accounting is changed
- 35 from an accrual to an installment method, any additional
- 36 tax for the year of such change of method and for any
- 37 subsequent year which is attributable to the receipt of
- 38 installment payments properly accrued in a prior year
- 39 shall be reduced by the portion of tax for any prior tax-
- 40 able year attributable to the accrual of such installment
- 41 payments, in accordance with regulations of the tax com-
- 42 missioner.

- Sec. 7. Resident and Nonresident Defined .- (a) Resi-
- 2 dent individual means an individual—
- 3 (1) Who is domiciled in this state, unless he maintains
- 4 no permanent place of abode in this state, maintains a
- 5 permanent place of abode elsewhere, and spends in the
- 6 aggregate not more than thirty days of the taxable year
- 7 in this state, or
- 8 (2) Who is not domiciled in this state but maintains
- 9 a permanent place of abode in this state and spends in
- 10 the aggregate more than one hundred eighty-three days of
- 11 the taxable year in this state.
- 12 (b) Nonresident Individual.—A nonresident individual
- 13 means an individual who is not a resident.
- 14 (c) Resident Estate or Trust.—A resident estate or
- 15 trust means—
- 16 (1) The estate of a decedent who at his death was
- 17 domiciled in this state,
- 18 (2) A trust created by will of a decedent who at his
- 19 death was domiciled in this state, or
- 20 (3) A trust created by, or consisting of property of,
- 21 a person domiciled in this state.

- 22 (d) Nonresident Estate or Trust.—A nonresident estate
- 23 or trust means an estate or trust which is not a resident.
- 24 (e) Cross Reference.—For effect of change of an indi-
- 25 vidual's resident status, see section fifty-four.

Section 8. Credits Against Tax.—(a) Business and Occupation Tax Credit.—A credit shall be allowed against the tax imposed by section three of this article equal to the amount of the liability of the taxpayer for the taxable year for any tax imposed under article thirteen of chapter eleven of this code, Brovided that the amount of such credit shall not exceed the portion of the tax imposed by this article which is attributable to the West Virginia taxable income derived by the taxpayer for the taxable year from the business or occupation with respect to which said tax under article thirteen was imposed. In 11 case the West Virginia taxable income of a taxpayer includes income from a partnership, estate, trust or a cor-14 poration electing to be taxed under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, a part of any tax liability of the partnership, estate, trust or corpora-

tion under said article thirteen shall be allowed to the

taxpayer, in computing the credit provided for by this section, in an amount proportionate to the income of such 19 partnership, estate, trust or corporation, which is included in the taxpayer's West Virginia taxable income. 21 22 (b) Transportation Privilege Tax Credit.—A credit shall be allowed against the tax imposed by section three 23 24 of this article equal to the amount of the liability of the taxpayer for the taxable year for any tax imposed on 25 the taxpayer under article twelve-A of chapter eleven 26 of this code; provided that the amount of such credit 27 shall not exceed the portion of the tax imposed by this article which is attributable to the West Virginia tax-29 able income derived by the taxpayer for the taxable 30 year from the exercise of the privilege with respect of which said tax under article twelve-A was imposed. In 32 33 case the West Virginia taxable income of a taxpayer 34 includes income from a partnership, estate, trust or a 35 corporation electing to be taxed under subchapter S of 36 the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, a part 37 of any tax liability of the partnership, estate, trust, or

38 corporation under said article twelve-A shall be allowed

- 39 to the taxpayer, in computing the credit provided for by
- 40 this section in an amount proportionate to the income of
- 41 such partnership, estate, trust or corporation which is
- 42 included in the taxpayer's West Virginia taxable income.
- 43 (c) Cross Reference.—For credit in respect of—
- 44 (1) Taxes withheld on wages, see section seventy-
- 45 three,
- 46 (2) Taxes imposed on a resident by other states, see
- 47 section twenty,
- 48 (3) Taxes imposed on a nonresident by the state of
- 49 his residence, see section forty.
 - Section 9. Meaning of Terms.—Any term used in this
 - 2 article shall have the same meaning as when used in a
 - 3 comparable context in the laws of the United States re-
 - 4 lating to income taxes, unless a different meaning is
 - 5 clearly required. Any reference in this article to the laws
 - 6 of the United States shall mean the provisions of the
 - 7 Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and such
 - 8 other provisions of the laws of the United States as relate
 - 9 to the determination of income for federal income tax
- 10 purposes. All amendments made to the laws of the United

- 11 States prior to the first day of January, one thousand nine
- 12 hundred sixty-one shall be given effect in determining
- 13 the taxes imposed by this article but no amendment to
- 14 laws of the United States made after said date shall be
- 15 given effect.
 - Sec. 11. West Virginia Taxable Income of a Resident
- 2 Individual.—(a) General.—The West Virginia taxable in-
- 3 come of a resident individual shall be his West Virginia
- 4 adjusted gross income less his West Virginia deduction
- 5 and West Virginia personal exemptions, as determined
- 6 under this Part.
- 7 (b) Husband and Wife.—
- 8 (1) If the federal taxable income of husband or wife is
- 9 determined on a separate federal return, their West Vir-
- 10 ginia taxable incomes shall be separately determined.
- 11 (2) If the federal taxable income of husband and wife
- 12 is determined on a joint federal return, or if neither files
- 13 a federal return—
- 14 (A) their tax shall be determined on their joint West
- 15 Virginia taxable income, or
- 16 (B) separate taxes may be determined on their sepa-

- 17 rate West Virginia taxable incomes if they so elect and
- 18 if they comply with the requirements of the tax commis-
- 19 sioner in setting forth information on a single form.
- 20 (3) If either husband or wife is a resident and the
- 21 other is a nonresident, separate taxes shall be determined
- 22 on their separate West Virginia taxable incomes on such
- 23 single or separate forms as may be required by the tax
- 24 commissioner, unless both elect to determine their joint
- 25 West Virginia taxable income as if both were residents.
 - Sec. 12. West Virginia Adjusted Gross Income of a Resi-
 - 2 dent Individual.—(a) General.—The West Virginia ad-
 - 3 justed gross income of a resident individual means his
 - 4 federal adjusted gross income as defined in the laws of
- 5 the United States for the taxable year with the modifi-
- 6 cations specified in this section.
- 7 (b) Modifications Increasing Federal Adjusted Gross
- 8 Income.—There shall be added to federal adjusted gross
- 9 income:
- 10 (1) Interest income on obligations of any state other
- 11 than this state, or of a political subdivision of any such
- 12 other state unless created by compact or agreement to
- 13 which this state is a party;

- 14 (2) Interest or dividend income on obligations or se-
- 15 curities of any authority, commission, or instrumentality
- 16 of the United States, which the laws of the United States
- 17 exempt from federal income tax but not from state in-
- 18 come taxes:
- 19 (3) Income taxes imposed by this state or any other
- 20 taxing jurisdiction, to the extent deductible in determin-
- 21 ing federal adjusted gross income and not credited against
- 22 federal income tax; and
- 23 (4) Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to
- 24 purchase or carry obligations or securities the income
- 25 from which is exempt from tax under this article, to the
- 26 extent deductible in determining federal adjusted gross
- 27 income.
- 28 (c) Modifications Reducing Federal Adjusted Gross
- 29 Income.—There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted
- 30 gross income:
- 31 (1) Interest income on obligations of the United States
- 32 and its possessions to the extent includible in gross in-
- 33 come for federal income tax purposes;
- 34 (2) Interest or dividend income on obligations or se-

- 35 curities of any authority, commission or instrumentality
- 36 of the United States to the extent includible in gross in-
- 37 come for federal income tax purposes but exempt from
- 38 state income taxes under the laws of the United States;
- 39 (3) Any gain from the sale or other disposition of
- 40 property having a higher fair market value on the first
- 41 day of January one thousand nine hundred sixty-one than
- 42 the adjusted basis at said date for federal income tax pur-
- 43 poses: Provided, however, That the amount of this adjust-
- 44 ment is limited to that portion of any such gain which
- 45 does not exceed the difference between such fair market
- 46 value and such adjusted basis; provided further that if
- 47 such gain is considered a long-term capital gain for fed-
- 48 eral income tax purposes, the modification shall be limited
- 49 to fifty percentum of such portion of the gain.
- 50 (4) The amount of any refund or credit for overpay-
- 51 ment of income taxes imposed by this state, or any other
- 52 taxing jurisdiction, to the extent properly included in
- 53 gross income for federal income tax purposes.
- 54 (d) Modification for West Virginia Fiduciary Adjust-
- 55 ment.—There shall be added to or subtracted from federal
- 56 adjusted gross income (as the case may be) the taxpay-

- 57 er's share, as beneficiary of an estate or trust, of the West
- 58 Virginia fiduciary adjustment determined under section
- 59 nineteen.
- 60 (e) Partners.—The amounts of modifications required
- 61 to be made under this section by a partner, which relate
- 62 to items of income, gain, loss or deduction of a partner-
- 63 ship, shall be determined under section seventeen.
- 64 (f) Husband and Wife.—If husband and wife deter-
- 65 mine their federal income tax on a joint return but de-
- 66 termine their West Virginia income taxes separately,
- 67 they shall determine their West Virginia adjusted gross
- 68 incomes separately as if their federal adjusted gross in-
- 69 comes had been determined separately.
 - Sec. 13. West Virginia Deduction of a Resident Indi-
 - 2 vidual.—The West Virginia deduction of a resident indi-
 - 3 vidual shall be his West Virginia standard deduction un-
 - 4 less he elects to deduct his West Virginia itemized deduc-
- 5 tion under the conditions set forth in section fifteen.
 - Sec. 14. West Virginia Standard Deduction of a Resi-
- 2 dent Individual.—(a) General.—The West Virginia stand-
- 3 ard deduction of a resident individual, or of husband and

wife whose West Virginia taxable income is determined jointly, shall be ten per centum of West Virginia adjusted gross income or one thousand dollars, whichever is less.

(b) Husband and Wife Determining Income Separately.—The West Virginia standard deductions of husband and wife whose West Virginia taxable incomes are determined separately (whether or not on a single form) shall not exceed ten per centum of the aggregate of their separate West Virginia adjusted gross incomes or one thousand dollars, whichever is less, but may be taken by either or divided between them in such proportions as they may elect.

Sec. 15.—West Virginia Itemized Deduction of a Resident Individual.—(a) General.—If federal taxable income
of a resident individual is determined by itemizing deductions from his federal adjusted gross income, he may
elect to deduct his West Virginia itemized deduction in
hieu of his West Virginia standard deduction. The West
Virginia itemized deduction of a resident individual means
the total amount of his deductions from federal adjusted
gross income, other than federal deductions for personal

- 10 exemptions, as provided in the laws of the United States
- 11 for the taxable year with the modifications specified in
- 12 this section.
- 13 (b) Husband and wife.—
- 14 (1) A husband and wife, both of whom are required to
- 15 file returns under this article, shall be allowed West Vir-
- 16 ginia itemized deductions only if both elect to take West
- 17 Virginia itemized deductions.
- 18 (2) The total of the West Virginia itemized deductions
- 19 of a husband and wife whose federal taxable income is
- 20 determined on a joint return, but whose West Virginia
- 21 taxable incomes are determined separately, may be taken
- 22 by either or divided between them in such proportions as
- 23 they may elect.
- 24 (c) Modifications reducing federal itemized deduc-
- 25 tions.—The total amount of deductions from federal ad-
- 26 justed gross income shall be reduced by the amount of
- 27 such federal deductions for-
- 28 (1) Income taxes imposed by this State or any other
- 29 taxing jurisdiction; and
- 30 (2) Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to
- 31 purchase or carry obligations or securities the income

- 32 from which is exempt from tax under this article.
- 33 (d) Partners.—The amounts of modifications under
- 34 subsection (c) required to be made by a partner with re-
- 35 spect to items of deduction of a partnership shall be de-
- 36 termined under section seventeen.
 - Sec. 16. West Virginia Personal Exemptions of a Resi-
 - 2 dent Individual.—(a) General.—A resident individual
 - 3 shall be allowed a West Virginia exemption of six hun-
 - 4 dred dollars for each exemption for which he is entitled
 - 5 to a deduction for the taxable year for federal income tax
- 6 purposes.
- 7 (b) Husband and wife.—If the West Virginia income
- 8 taxes of a husband and wife are separately determined
- 9 but their federal income tax is determined on a joint re-
- 10 turn, each of them shall be separately entitled to a West
- 11 Virginia exemption of six hundred dollars for each federal
- 12 exemption to which he would be separately entitled for
- 13 the taxable year if their federal income taxes had been
- 14 determined on separate returns.
 - Sec. 17. Resident Partners.—(a) Partner's modifica-
 - 2 tions.--In determining West Virginia adjusted gross in-

- 3 come and West Virginia taxable income of a resident
- 4 partner, any modification described in section twelve (b),
- 5 (c) or (d) or section fifteen (c), which relates to an item
- 6 of partnership income, gain, loss or deduction shall be
- 7 made in accordance with the partner's distributive share,
- 8 for federal income tax purposes, of the items to which the
- 9 modifications relate. Where a partner's distributive share
- 10 of any such item is not required to be taken into account
- 11 separately for federal income tax purposes, the partners
- 12 distributive share of such item shall be his distributive
- 13 share for federal income tax purposes of partnership taxa-
- 14 ble income or loss generally.
- 15 (b) Character of Items.—Each item of partnership in-
 - 6 come, gain, loss, or deduction shall have the same charac-
- 17 ter for a partner under this article as for federal income
- 18 tax purposes. Where an item is not characterized for fed-
- 19 eral income tax purposes, it shall have the same character
- 20 for a partner as if realized directly from the source from
- 21 which realized by the partnership, or incurred in the same
- 22 manner as incurred by the partnership.
- 23 (c) West Virginia Tax Avoidance or Evasion.—Where
- 24 a partner's distributive share of an item of partnership

- 25 income, gain, loss or deduction is determined for federal
- 26 income tax purposes by special provision in the partner-
- 27 ship agreement with respect to such item, and where the
- 28 principal purpose of such provision is the avoidance or
- 29 evasion of tax under this article, the partner's distributive
- 30 share of such item, and any modification required with
- 31 respect thereto shall be determined as if the partnership
- 32 agreement made no special provision with respect to such
- 33 item.
 - Sec. 18. West Virginia Taxable Income of a Resident
 - 2 Estate or Trust.—The West Virginia taxable income of a
 - 3 resident estate or trust means its federal taxable income
 - 4 as defined in the laws of the United States for the taxable
- 5 year, with the following modifications:
- 6 (1) There shall be subtracted six hundred dollars as
- 7 the West Virginia exemption of the estate or trust, and
- 8 there shall be added the amount of its federal deduction
- 9 for a personal exemption.
- 10 (2) There shall be subtracted the modification de-
- 11 scribed in section twelve (c) (3), with respect to gains
- 12 from the sale or other disposition of property, to the ex-
- 13 tent such gains are excluded from distributable net in-

- 14 come of the estate or trust for federal income tax pur-
- 15 poses.
- 16 (3) There shall be added or subtracted (as the case may
- 17 be) the share of the estate or trust in the West Virginia
- 18 fiduciary adjustment determined under section nineteen.
 - Sec. 19. Share of Resident Estate, Trust or Beneficiary
- 2 in West Virginia Fiduciary Adjustment.—(a) General.—
- 3 An adjustment shall be made in determining West Vir-
- 4 ginia taxable income of a resident estate or trust under
- 5 section eighteen, or West Virginia adjusted gross income
- 6 of a resident beneficiary of any estate or trust under sec-
- 7 tion twelve (d), in the amount of the share of each in the
- 8 West Virginia fiduciary adjustment as determined in
- 9 this section.
- 10 (b) Definition.—The West Virginia fiduciary adjust-
- 11 ment shall be the net amount of the modifications de-
- 12 scribed in section twelve (b), (c) and (d), and section
- 13 fifteen (c) which relate to items of income, gain, loss or
- 14 deduction of an estate or trust. Such net amount shall not
- 15 include any modification described in section twelve (c)
- 16 (3), with respect to gains from the sale or other disposi-
- 17 tion of property, to the extent such gains are excluded

- 18 from distributable net income of the estate or trust for
- 19 federal income tax purposes.
- 20 (c) Shares of West Virginia Fiduciary Adjustment.—
- 21 (1) The respective shares of an estate or trust and its
- 22 beneficiaries (including, solely for the purpose of this
- 23 allocation, nonresident beneficiaries) in the West Vir-
- 24 ginia fiduciary adjustment shall be in proportion to their
- 25 respective shares of distributable net income of the
- 26 estate or trust for federal income tax purposes.
- 27 (2) If the distributable net income for the taxable
- 28 year of the estate or trust is zero, the share of each bene-
- 29 ficiary in the West Virginia fiduciary adjustment shall be
- 30 in proportion to his share of the estate or trust income for
- 31 such year, under local law or the governing instrument,
- 32 which is distributed within such year, or is required to
- 33 be distributed currently. Any balance of the West Vir-
- 34 ginia fiduciary adjustment shall be allocated to the estate
- 35 or trust.
- 36 (d) Alternate Attribution of Modifications.—The tax
- 37 commissioner may, on application, authorize the use of
- 38 such other methods of determining to whom the items
- 39 comprising the fiduciary adjustment shall be attributed,

- 40 as may be appropriate and equitable, on such terms and
- 41 conditions as he may require.
 - Sec. 20. Credit for Income Tax of Another State.—(a)
- 2 General.—A resident shall be allowed a credit against
- 3 the tax otherwise due under this article for any income
- 4 tax imposed for the taxable year by another state of the
- 5 United States or by the District of Columbia, upon income
- 6 both derived therefrom and subject to tax under this
- 7 article.
- 8 (b) Limitations.—(1) The credit under this section
- 9 shall not exceed the percentage of the tax otherwise due
- 10 under this article determined by dividing the portion of
- 11 the taxpayer's West Virginia income subject to taxation
- 12 by such other jurisdiction by the total amount of the
- 13 taxpayer's West Virginia income.
- 14 (2) The credit under this section shall not reduce the
- 15 tax otherwise due under this article to an amount less
- 16 than would have been due if the income subject to tax-
- 17 ation by such other jurisdiction were excluded from the
- 18 taxpayer's West Virginia income.
- 19 (c) Exception.—No credit shall be allowed under this

- section for tax of a jurisdiction which allows residents of
- this state a credit against the taxes imposed by such other 21
- jurisdiction for the tax under this article, if such other
- credit is substantially similar to the credit granted by 23
- section forty.
- (d) Definition.—For purposes of this section West Vir-25
- 26 ginia income means-
- 27 (1) the West Virginia adjusted gross income of an
- 28 individual, or
- 29 (2) the amount of the income of an estate or trust, de-
- termined as if the estate or trust were an individual com-
- puting his West Virginia adjusted gross income under
- 32 section twelve.
 - Sec. 31. West Virginia Taxable Income of a Nonresi-
- dent Individual.—(a) General.—The West Virginia tax-
- able income of a nonresident individual shall be his West
- 4 Virginia adjusted gross income less his West Virginia de-
- duction and West Virginia personal exemptions, as de-
- termined under this part.
- 7 (b) Husband and Wife.-
- 8 (1) If the federal taxable income of husband or wife,

- 9 both of whom are nonresidents, is determined on a sep-
- 10 arate federal return, their West Virginia taxable incomes
- 11 shall be separately determined.

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- (2) If the federal income of husband and wife, both of
- 13 whom are nonresidents, is determined on a joint federal
- 14 return, or if neither files a federal return:
- 15 (A) Their tax shall be determined on their joint West
- 16 Virginia taxable income, or
- 17 (B) Separate taxes may be determined on their sep-
- 18 arate West Virginia taxable incomes if they so elect and if
- 19 they comply with the requirements of the tax commis-
- 20 sioner in setting forth information on a single form.
- 21 (3) If either husband or wife is a resident and the other
- 22 is a nonresident, separate taxes shall be determined on
- 23 their separate West Virginia taxable incomes on such
- 24 single or separate forms as may be required by the tax
- 25 commissioner, unless both elect to determine their joint
- 26 West Virginia taxable income as if both were residents.
 - Sec. 32. West Virginia Adjusted Gross Income of a Non-
- 2 resident Individual.—(a) General.—The West Virginia

- 3 adjusted gross income of a nonresident individual shall be
- 4 the sum of the following:
- 5 (1) The net amount of items of income, gain, loss and
- 6 deduction entering into his federal adjusted gross income,
- 7 as defined in the laws of the United States for the taxable
- 8 year, derived from or connected with West Virginia
- 9 sources, including:
- 10 (A) His distributive share of partnership income, gain,
- 11 loss and deduction, determined under section thirty-seven,
- 12 and
- 13 (B) His share of estate or trust income, gain, loss and
- 14 deduction, determined under section thirty-nine; and
- 15 (2) The portion of the modifications described in sub-
- 16 sections (b) and (c) of section twelve which relate to
- 17 income derived from West Virginia sources (including
- 18 any modifications attributable to him as a partner).
- 19 (b) Income and Deductions from West Virginia
- 20 Sources.—
- 21 (1) Items of income, gain, loss and deduction derived
- 22 from or connected with West Virginia sources shall be
- 23 those items attributable to:

- 24 (A) The ownership of any interest in real or tangible
- personal property in this state; or
- 26
- (B) A business, trade, profession or occupation car-
- 27 ried on in this state.
- 28 (2) Income from intangible personal property, includ-
- 29 ing annuities, dividends, interest, and gains from the dis-
- 30 position of intangible personal property, shall constitute
- 31 income derived from West Virginia sources only to the
- 32 extent that such income is from property employed in a
- 33 business, trade, profession, or occupation carried on in
- 34 this state.
- 35 (3) Deductions with respect to capital losses, net long-
- 36 term capital gains and net operating losses shall be based
- 37 solely on income, gain, loss and deduction derived from
- 38 or connected with West Virginia sources, under regula-
- 39 tions of the tax commissioner, but otherwise shall be de-
- 40 termined in the same manner as the corresponding federal
- 41 deductions.
- 42 (C) Income and Deductions Partly from West Virginia
- Sources.—If a business, trade, profession or occupation is 43
- carried on partly within and partly without this state,

- 45 as determined under regulations of the tax commissioner
- 46 the items of income, gain, loss and deduction derived
- 47 from or connected with West Virginia sources shall be
- 48 determined by apportionment and allocation under such
- 49 regulation.
- 50 (d) Purchase and Sale for Own Account.—A nonresi-
- 51 dent, other than a dealer holding property primarily for
- 52 sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or
- 53 business, shall not be deemed to carry on a business, trade,
- 54 profession or occupation in this state solely by reason of
- 55 the purchase and sale of property for his own account.
- 56 (e) Husband and Wife.—If husband and wife deter-
- 57 mine their federal income tax on a joint return but de-
- 58 termine their West Virginia income taxes separately, they
- 59 shall determine their West Virginia adjusted gross in-
- 60 comes separately as if their federal adjusted gross incomes
- 61 had been determined separately.
 - Sec. 33. West Virginia Deduction of a Nonresident In-
- 2 dividual.—The West Virginia deduction of a nonresident
- 3 individual shall be his West Virginia standard deduction
- 4 unless he elects to deduct his West Virginia itemized de-

- 5 duction under the conditions set forth in section thirty-6 five.
- Sec. 34. West Virginia Standard Deduction of a Non-
- 2 resident Individual.—The West Virginia standard deduc-
- 3 tion of a nonresident individual shall be ten per centum
- 4 of his West Virginia adjusted gross income, or one thou-
- 5 sand dollars, whichever is less. The West Virginia stand-
- 6 ard deduction of a nonresident husband or wife shall be
- 7 determined under the rules of section fourteen.
 - Sec. 35. West Virginia Itemized Deduction of a Non-
- 2 resident Individual.—(a) General.—If federal taxable
- 3 income of a nonresident individual is determined by item-
- 4 izing deductions from his federal adjusted gross income,
- 5 he may elect to deduct his West Virginia itemized deduc-
- 6 tion in lieu of his West Virginia standard deduction. The
- 7 West Virginia itemized deduction of a nonresident indi-
- 8 vidual shall be the same as the total amount of the fol-
- 9 lowing of his deductions from federal adjusted gross in-
- 10 come, as provided in the laws of the United States for the
- 11 taxable year (including any items attributable to him as
- 12 a partner):

- 13 (1) Deductions for contributions or gifts to this state
- 14 or to any political subdivision thereof, or to any corpora-
- 15 tion, trust, community chest, fund, foundation, or other
- 16 entity organized or operated under the laws of this state;
- 17 (2) Deductions for alimony or separate maintenance
- 18 payments includible in the West Virginia adjusted gross
- 19 income of the recipient;
- 20 (3) Deductions for losses of real or tangible personal
- 21 property having an actual situs in this state, arising from
- 22 fire, storm, shipwreck or other casualty, or from theft;
- 23 (4) Deductions, with respect to real or tangible per-
- 24 sonal property having an actual situs in this state, for
- 25 losses (other than capital losses) incurred in any trans-
- 26 action entered into for profit but not connected with the
- 27 taxpayer's trade or business; and
- 28 (5) Deductions determined under regulations of the
- 29 tax commissioner to be connected with his West Virginia
- 30 adjusted gross income, except deductions for income taxes
- 31 imposed by this state or any other taxing jurisdiction.
- 32 (b) Husband and Wife.—
- 33 (1) A husband and wife, both of whom are required

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- 34 to file returns under this article, shall be allowed West
- 35 Virginia itemized deductions only if both elect to take
- 36 West Virginia itemized deductions.
- 37 (2) The total of the West Virginia itemized deductions
- 38 of a husband and wife whose federal taxable income is
- 39 determined on a joint return but whose West Virginia
- 40 taxable incomes are determined separately may be taken
- 41 by either or divided between them as they may elect.
 - Sec. 36. West Virginia Personal Exemptions of a Non-
- 2 resident Individual.—A nonresident individual shall be
- 3 allowed the same West Virginia exemptions as are al-
- 4 lowed by section sixteen to a resident individual.
 - Sec. 37. Nonresident Partners.—(a) Portion Derived
- 2 from West Virginia Sources.—In determining West Vir-
- 3 ginia adjusted gross income of a nonresident partner of
- 4 any partnership, there shall be included only the portion
- 5 derived from or connected with West Virginia sources of
- 6 such partner's distributive share, for federal income tax
- 7 purposes, of items of partnership income, gain, loss and
- 8 deduction, as such portion shall be determined under reg-
- 9 ulations of the tax commissioner consistent with the ap-

- 10 plicable rules of section thirty-two. In determining West
- 11 Virginia taxable income of a nonresident partner of any
- 12 partnership, there shall be attributed to him his distribu-
- 13 tive share, for federal income tax purposes, of those partner-
- 14 ship items of deduction which are deductible by him un-
- 15 der the applicable rules of section thirty-five.
- 16 (b) Special Rules As to West Virginia Sources.—In de-
- 17 termining the sources of a nonresident partner's income,
- 18 no effect shall be given to a provision in the partnership
- 19 agreement which:
- 20 (1) Characterizes payments to the partner as being for
- 21 services or for the use of capital, or
- 22 (2) Allocates to the partner, as income or gain from
- 23 sources outside West Virginia, a greater proportion of his
- 24 distributive share of partnership income or gain than the
- 25 ratio of partnership income or gain from sources outside
- 26 West Virginia to partnership income or gain from all
- 27 sources, except as authorized in subsection (d), or
- 28 (3) Allocates to the partner a greater proportion of a
- 29 partnership item of loss or deduction connected with West
- 30 Virginia sources than his proportionate share, for federal

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- 31 income tax purposes, of partnership loss or deduction
- 32 generally, except as authorized in subsection (d).
- 33 (c) Partner's Modifications.—Any modification de-
- 34 scribed in subsection (b) or (c) of section twelve, which
- 35 relates to an item of partnership income, gain, loss or de-
- 36 duction, shall be made in accordance with the partner's
- 37 distributive share for federal income tax purposes of the
- 38 item to which the modification relates, but limited to the
- 39 portion of such item derived from or connected with
- 40 West Virginia sources.
- 41 (d) Alternate Methods.—The tax commissioner may,
- 42 on application, authorize the use of such other methods
- 43 of determining a nonresident partner's portion of partner-
- 44 ship items derived from or connected with West Virginia
- 45 sources, and the modifications related thereto, as may be
- 46 appropriate and equitable, on such terms and conditions
- 47 as he may require.
- 48 (e) Cross Reference.—
- 49 (1) For a partner's distributive share of items, see sub-
- 50 section (a) of section seventeen.
- 51 (2) For character of partnership items for a partner,

- 52 see subsection (b) of section seventeen.
- 53 (3) For effect of special provision in partnership agree-
- 54 ment, other than a provision referred to in subsection (b)
- 55 of this section, having the principal purpose of avoidance
- 56 of evasion of tax under this article, see subsection (c) of
- 57 section seventeen.
 - Sec. 38. West Virginia Taxable Income of a Nonresident
 - 2 Estate or Trust.—(a) General.—The West Virginia tax-
 - 3 able income of a nonresident estate or trust shall be de-
 - 4 termined as follows:
- 5 (1) Items in Distributable Net Income.—There shall
- 6 be determined its share of income, gain, loss and deduction
- 7 from West Virginia sources under section thirty-nine (re-
- 8 lating to items entering into the definition of distributable
- 9 net income).
- 10 (2) Items Not in Distributable Net Income.—There
- 11 shall be added or subtracted (as the case may be) the
- 12 amount derived from or connected with West Virginia
- 13 sources of any income, gain, loss and deduction recognized
- 14 for federal income tax purposes, but excluded from the
- 15 definition of federal distributable net income of the estate

- 16 or trust. The source of such income, gain, loss and deduc-
- 17 tion shall be determined in accordance with the applicable
- 18 rules of section thirty-two and thirty-five as in the case
- 19 of a nonresident individual.
- 20 (3) Modifications.—There shall be subtracted the
- 21 amount of any modifications described in paragraph (3)
- 22 of subsection (c) of section twelve with respect to in-
- 23 come or gain referred to in paragraph (2) of this sub-
- 24 section.
- 25 (4) Exemption.—There shall be subtracted the amount
- 26 of six hundred dollars as a West Virginia exemption.
- 27 (b) Special West Virginia Source Rules.—Deductions
- 28 with respect to capital losses, net long-term capital gains
- 29 and net operating losses shall be based solely on income,
- 30 gains, losses and deductions derived from or connected
- 31 with West Virginia sources, under regulations of the tax
- 32 commissioner, but otherwise determined in the same
- 33 manner as the corresponding federal deductions.
 - Sec. 39. Share of a Nonresident Estate, Trust or Bene-
- 2 ficiary in Income From West Virginia Sources.—(a)
- 3 General.—The share of a nonresident estate or trust under

- 4 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section thirty-eight,
- 5 and the share of a nonresident beneficiary of any estate
- 6 or trust under subsection (a) of section thirty-two, in
- 7 estate or trust income, gain, loss and deduction from West
- 8 Virginia sources shall be determined as follows:
- 9 (1) Items of Distributable Net Income from West
- 10 Virginia Sources.—There shall be determined the items
- 11 of income, gain, loss and deduction, derived from or con-
- 12 nected with West Virginia sources, which enter into the
- 13 definition of federal distributable net income of the estate
- 14 or trust for the taxable year. Such determination of
- 15 source shall be made in accordance with the applicable
- 16 rules of sections thirty-two and thirty-five as in the case
- 17 of a nonresident individual.
- 18 (2) Addition or Subtraction of Modifications.—There
- 19 shall be added or subtracted (as the case may be) the
- 20 modifications described in subsections (b) and (c) of sec-
- 21 tion twelve, to the extent relating to items of income, gain,
- 22 loss and deduction, derived from or connected with West
- 23 Virginia sources, which enter into the definition of federal
- 24 distributable net income. No modification shall be made

- 25 under this subsection which has the effect of duplicating
- 26 an item already reflected in the definition of federal dis-
- 27 tributable net income.
- 28 (3) Allocation Among Estate or Trust and Benefici-
- 29 aries.—
- 30 (A) The amounts determined under paragraphs (1)
- 31 and (2) shall be allocated among the estate or trust and
- 32 its beneficiaries (including, solely for the purpose of this
- 33 allocation, resident beneficiaries) in proportion to their
- 34 respective shares of federal distributable net income.
- 35 (B) The amounts so allocated shall have the same
- 36 character under this article as for federal income tax pur-
- 37 poses. Where an item entering into the computation of
- 38 such amounts is not characterized for federal income tax
- 39 purposes, it shall have the same character as if realized
- 40 directly from the source from which realized by the
- 41 estate or trust, or incurred in the same manner as incurred
- 42 by the estate or trust.
- 43 (b) Alternate Methods of Determining Shares.—
- 44 (1) If the estate or trust has no federal distributable
- 45 net income for the taxable year, the share of each bene-

- 46 ficiary (including, solely for the purpose of this allocation,
- 47 resident beneficiaries) in the net amount determined
- 48 under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) shall be
- 49 in proportion to his share of the estate or trust income for
- 50 such year, under local law or the governing instrument,
- 51 which is required to be distributed currently and any
- 52 other amounts of such income distributed in such year.
- 53 Any balance of such net amounts shall be allocated to
- 54 the estate or trust.
- 55 (2) The tax commissioner may, on application, author-
- 56 ize the use of such other methods of determining the re-
- 57 spective shares of the beneficiaries and of the estate or
- 58 trust in its income derived from West Virginia sources,
- 59 and the modifications related thereto, as may be appro-
- 60 priate and equitable, on such terms and conditions as he
- 61 may require.
 - Sec. 40. Credit for Income Tax of State of Residence.—
- 2 (a) General.—A nonresident shall be allowed a credit
- 3 against the tax otherwise due under this article for any
- 4 income tax imposed for the taxable year by another state

- 5 of the United States or by the District of Columbia, of
- 6 which the taxpayer is a resident.
- 7 (b) Limitation.—The credit under this section shall
- 8 not exceed either—
- 9 (1) The percentage of the other tax determined by
- 10 dividing the portion of the taxpayer's West Virginia in-
- 11 come which is also subject to the other tax by the total
- 12 amount of his income subject to such other tax, or
- 13 (2) The percentage of the tax otherwise due under
- 14 this article, determined by dividing the portion of the
- 15 taxpayer's West Virginia income which is also subject to
- 16 the other tax by the total amount of the taxpayer's West
- 17 Virginia income.
- 18 (c) Exceptions. No credit shall be allowed under
- 19 this section unless the jurisdiction of which the taxpayer
- 20 is a resident—
- 21 (1) Grants a substantially similar credit to residents
- 22 of this state, or
- 23 (2) Imposes an income tax on its own residents with
- 24 respect to income derived from this state, and exempts
- 25 from income tax the income of residents of this state.

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- 26 (d) Definition.—For purposes of this section West
- 27 Virginia income means—
- 28 (1) The West Virginia adjusted gross income of an in-
- 29 dividual, or
- 30 (2) The income derived from West Virginia sources
- 31 by an estate or trust, determined in accordance with the
- 32 applicable rules of section thirty-two as in the case of a
- 33 nonresident individual.
 - Sec. 51. Returns and Liabilities.—(a) General.—On or
- 2 before the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the
- 3 close of a taxable year, an income tax return under this
- 4 article shall be made and filed by or for:
- 5 (1) every resident individual required to file a federal
- 6 income tax return for the taxable year, or having West
- 7 Virginia adjusted gross income for the taxable year, de-
- 8 termined under section twelve in excess of the sum of his
- 9 West Virginia personal exemptions.
- 10 (2) every resident estate or trust required to file a
- 11 federal income tax return for the taxable year, or having
- 12 any West Virginia taxable income for the taxable year,
- 13 determined under section eighteen.

- 14 (3) every nonresident individual having any West Vir-
- 15 ginia adjusted gross income for the taxable year, de-
- 16 termined under section thirty-two, in excess of the sum of
- 17 his West Virginia personal exemptions; and
- 18 (4) every nonresident estate or trust having items of
- 19 income or gain derived from West Virginia sources, de-
- 20 termined in accordance with the applicable rules of sec-
- 21 tion thirty-two as in the case of a nonresident individual,
- 22 in excess of its West Virginia exemption.
- 23 (b) Husband and Wife.—
- 24 (1) If the federal income tax liability of husband or
- 25 wife is determined on a separate federal return, their
- 26 West Virginia income tax liabilities and returns shall be
- 27 separate.
- 28 (2) If the federal income tax liabilities of husband and
- 29 wife other than a husband and wife described in para-
- 30 graph (3) of this subsection (b) are determined on a
- 31 joint federal return, or if neither files a federal return:
- 32 (A) they shall file a joint West Virginia income tax
- 33 return, and their tax liabilities shall be joint and several,

- 35 (B) they may elect to file separate West Virginia in-
- 36 come tax returns on a single form if they comply with the
- 37 requirements of the tax commissioner in setting forth in-
- 38 formation, and in such event their tax liabilities shall
- 39 be separate.
- 40 (3) If either husband or wife is a resident and the other
- 41 is a nonresident, they shall file separate West Virginia
- 42 income tax returns on such single or separate forms as
- 43 may be required by the tax commissioner, and in such
- 44 event their tax liabilities shall be separate.
- 45 (c) Decedents.—The return for any deceased indi-
- 46 vidual shall be made and filed by his executor, adminis-
- 47 trator, or other person charged with his property.
- 48 (d) Individuals Under a Disability.—The return for an
- 49 individual who is unable to make a return by reason of
- 50 minority or other disability shall be made and filed by his
- 51 guardian, committee, fiduciary or other person charged
- 52 with the care of his person or property (other than a
- 53 receiver in possession of only a part of his property), or
- 54 by his duly authorized agent.
- 55 (e) Estates and Trusts.—The return for an estate or

- 56 trust shall be made and filed by the fiduciary.
- 57 (f) Joint Fiduciaries.—If two or more fiduciaries are
- 58 acting jointly, the return may be made by any one of
- 59 them.
- 60 (g) Tax a Debt.—Any tax under this article, and any
- 61 increase, interest or penalty thereon, shall, from the time
- 62 it is due and payable, be a personal debt of the person
- 63 liable to pay the same, to the State of West Virginia.
- 64 (h) Cross Reference.—For provisions as to information
- 65 returns by partnerships, employers and other persons, see
- 66 section fifty-eight.
 - Sec. 52. Time and Place for Filing Returns and Paying
 - 2 Tax.—A person required to make and file a return under
- 3 this article shall, without assessment, notice or demand,
- 4 pay any tax due thereon to the tax commissioner on or
- 5 before the date fixed for filing such return (determined
- 6 without regard to any extension of time for filing the re-
- 7 turn). The tax commissioner shall prescribe by regulation
- 8 the place for filing any return, declaration, statement, or
- 9 other document required pursuant to this article and for
- 10 payment of any tax.

Sec. 53. Signing of Returns and Other Documents.—

- 2 (a) General.—Any return, declaration, statement or other
- 3 document required to be made pursuant to this article
- 4 shall be signed in accordance with regulations or instruc-
- 5 tions prescribed by the tax commissioner. The fact that
- 6 an individual's name is signed to a return, declaration,
- 7 statement, or other document, shall be prima facie evi-
- 8 dence for all purposes that the return, declaration, state-
- 9 ment or other document was actually signed by him.
- 10 (b) Partnerships.—Any return, statement or other
- 11 document required of a partnership shall be signed by one
- 12 or more partners. The fact that a partner's name is signed
- 13 to a return, statement, or other document, shall be prima
- 14 facie evidence for all purposes that such partner is au-
- 15 thorized to sign on behalf of the partnership.
- 16 (c) Certifications.—The making or filing of any re-
- 17 turn, declaration, statement or other document or copy
- 18 thereof required to be made or filed pursuant to this
- 19 article, including a copy of a federal return, shall con-
- 20 stitute a certification by the person making or filing such
- 21 return, declaration, statement or other document or copy

- 22 thereof that the statements contained therein are true
- 23 and that any copy filed is a true copy.
 - Sec. 54. Change of Resident Status During Year.—(a)
- 2 General.—If an individual changes his status during his
- 3 taxable year from resident to nonresident, or from non-
- 4 resident to resident, he shall file one return as a resident
- 5 for the portion of the year during which he is a resident,
- 6 and one return as a nonresident for the portion of the year
- 7 during which he is a nonresident, subject to such excep-
- 8 tions as the tax commissioner may prescribe by regula-
- 9 tion.
- 10 (b) West Virginia Taxable Income As Resident and
- 11 Nonresident.—The West Virginia taxable income for the
- 12 portion of the year during which he is a resident shall be
- 13 determined under Part II of this article as if his taxable
- 14 year for federal income tax purposes were limited to the
- 15 period of his resident status. The West Virginia taxable
- 16 income for the remaining portion of his taxable year dur-
- 17 ing which he is a nonresident shall be determined under
- 18 Part III of this article as if his taxable year for federal

- 19 income tax purposes were limited to the period of his
- 20 nonresident status.
- 21 (c) Special Accruals.—
- 22 (1) If an individual changes his status from resident
- 23 to nonresident, he shall, regardless of his method of ac-
- 24 counting, accrue for the portion of the taxable year prior
- 25 to such change of status any items of income, gain, loss
- 26 or deduction accruing prior to the change of status, if not
- 27 otherwise properly includible (whether or not because of
- 28 an election to report on an installment basis) or allowable
- 29 for West Virginia income tax purposes for such portion of
- 30 the taxable year or for a prior taxable year. The amounts
- 31 of such accrued items shall be determined with the ap-
- 32 plicable modifications described in sections twelve and
- 33 fifteen as if such accrued items were includible or allow-
- 34 able for federal income tax purposes.
- 35 (2) If an individual changes his status from nonresi-
- 36 dent to resident, he shall, regardless of his method of ac-
- 37 counting, accrue for the portion of the taxable year prior
- 38 to such change of status any items of income, gain, loss or
- 39 deduction accruing prior to the change of status, other

- 40 than items derived from or connected with West Virginia
- 41 sources, if not otherwise properly includible (whether or
- 42 not because of an election to report on an installment
- 43 basis) or allowable for federal income tax purposes for
- 44 such portion of the taxable year or for a prior taxable
- 45 year. The amounts of such accrued items shall be de-
- 46 termined with the applicable modifications described in
- 47 sections twelve and fifteen as if such accrued items were
- 48 includible or allowable for federal income tax purposes.
- 49 (3) No item of income, gain, loss or deduction which
- 50 is accrued under this subsection shall be taken into ac-
- 51 count in determining West Virginia adjusted gross in-
- 52 come or the West Virginia itemized deduction for any
- 53 subsequent taxable period.
- 54 (4) The accruals under this subsection shall not be re-
- 55 quired if the individual files with the tax commissioner a
- 56 bond or other security acceptable to the tax commissioner,
- 57 conditioned upon the inclusion of amounts accruable
- 58 under this subsection in West Virginia adjusted gross in-
- 59 come for one or more subsequent taxable years as if the
- 60 individual had not changed his resident status.

- 61 (d) Minimum Tax.—Where two returns are required
- 62 under this section, the total of the taxes due thereon shall
- 63 not be less than would be due if the West Virginia taxable
- 64 incomes reportable on the two returns were includible in
- 65 one return.
- 66 (e) Prorations.—Where two returns are required under
- 67 this section, the West Virginia standard deduction allow-
- 68 able under sections fourteen and thirty-four, the West
- 69 Virginia personal exemptions allowable under sections
- 70 sixteen and thirty-six shall be prorated, under regulations
- 71 of the tax commissioner, between the two returns to re-
- 72 flect the portions of the entire taxable year during which
- 73 the individual was a resident and a nonresident.
 - Sec. 55. Declarations of Estimated Tax.—(a) Require-
- 2 ment of Declaration.—Every resident and nonresident in-
- 3 dividual shall make a declaration of his estimated tax for
- 4 the taxable year, containing such information as the tax
- 5 commissioner may prescribe by regulations or instruc-
- 6 tions, if his West Virginia adjusted gross income, other
- 7 than from wages on which tax is withheld under this
- 8 article, can reasonably be expected to exceed four hun-

- 9 dred dollars plus the sum of the West Virginia personal
- 10 exemptions to which he is entitled.
- 11 (b) Definition of Estimated Tax.—The term "estimated
- 12 tax" means the amount which an individual estimates
- 13 to be his income tax under this article for the taxable
- 14 year, less the amount which he estimates to be the sum of
- 15 any credits allowable against the tax.
- 16 (c) Joint Declaration of Husband and Wife.—A hus-
- 17 band and Wife.—A husband and wife may make a joint
- 18 declaration of estimated tax as if they were one taxpayer,
- 19 in which case the liability with respect to the estimated
- 20 tax shall be joint and several. No joint declaration may
- 21 be made if husband and wife are separated under a decree
- 22 of divorce or of separate maintenance, or if they have
- 23 different taxable years. If a joint declaration is made but
- 24 husband and wife elect to determine their taxes under
- 25 this article separately, the estimated tax for such year
- 26 may be treated as the estimated tax of either husband or
- 27 wife, or may be divided between them, as they may elect.
- 28 (d) Time for Filing Declaration.—A declaration of
- 29 estimated tax of an individual other than a farmer shall

- 30 be filed on or before the fifteenth day of April of the tax-
- 31 able year, except that if the requirements of subsection
- 32 (a) are first met—
- 33 (1) after the first day of April and before the second
- 34 day of June of the taxable year, the declaration shall be
- 35 filed on or before the fifteenth day of June, or
- 36 (2) after the first day of June and before the second
- 37 day of September of the taxable year, the declaration shall
- 38 be filed on or before the fifteenth day of September, or
- 39 (3) after the first day of September, of the taxable
- 40 year, the declaration shall be filed on or before the fif-
- 41 teenth day of January of the succeeding year.
- 42 (e) Declaration of Estimated Tax By a Farmer.—A
- 43 declaration of estimated tax of an individual having an
- 44 estimated West Virginia adjusted gross income from
- 45 farming for the taxable year which is at least two-thirds
- 46 of his total estimated West Virginia adjusted gross income
- 47 for the taxable year may be filed at any time on or before
- 48 the fifteenth day of January of the succeeding year, in
- 49 lieu of the time otherwise prescribed.
- 50 (f) Declaration of Estimated Tax of Forty Dollars or

- 51 Less.—A declaration of estimated tax of an individual
- 52 having a total estimated tax for the taxable year of forty
- 53 dollars or less may be filed at any time on or before the
- 54 fifteenth day of January of the succeeding year under
- 55 regulations of the tax commissioner.
- 56 (g) Amendments of Declaration.—An individual may
- 57 amend a declaration under regulations of the tax com-
- 58 missioner.
- 59 (h) Return As Declaration or Amendment.—If on or
- 60 before the fifteenth day of February of the succeeding
- 61 taxable year an individual files his return for the taxable
- 62 year for which the declaration is required, and pays there-
- 63 with the full amount of the tax shown to be due on the
- 64 return:
- 65 (1) such return shall be considered as his declaration,
- 66 if no declaration was required to be filed during the tax-
- 67 able year, but is otherwise required to be filed on or be-
- 68 fore the fifteenth day of January.
- 69 (2) such return, if filed on or before the fifteenth day
- 70 of January, shall be considered an amendment permitted
- 71 by subsection (g) if the tax shown on the return is greater

- 72 than the estimated tax shown in a declaration previously
- 73 made.
- 74 (i) Fiscal Year.—This section shall apply to a taxable
- 75 year other than a calendar year by the substitution of the
- 76 months of such fiscal year for the corresponding months
- 77 specified in this section.
- 78 (j) Short Taxable Year.—An individual having a tax-
- 79 able year of less than twelve months shall make a declara-
- 80 tion in accordance with regulations of the tax commis-
- 81 sioner.
- 82 (k) Declaration for Individual Under a Disability.—
- 83 The declaration of estimated tax for an individual who is
- 84 unable to make a declaration by reason of minority or
- 85 other disability shall be made and filed by his guardian,
- 86 committee, fiduciary or other person charged with the
- 87 care of his person or property, (other than a receiver in
- 88 possession of only a part of his property), or by his duly
- 89 authorized agent.
 - Sec. 56. Payments of Estimated Tax.—(a) General.—
 - 2 The estimated tax with respect to which a declaration is
- 3 required shall be paid as follows:

- 4 (1) If the declaration is filed on or before the fifteenth
- 5 day of April of the taxable year, the estimated tax shall
- 6 be paid in four equal installments. The first installment
- 7 shall be paid at the time of the filing of the declaration,
- 8 and the second, third and fourth installments shall be
- 9 paid on the following fifteenth day of June, fifteenth day
- 10 of September, and fifteenth day of January, respectively.
- 11 (2) If the declaration is filed after the fifteenth day of
- 12 April and not after the fifteenth day of June of the tax-
- 13 able year, and is not required to be filed on or before the
- 14 fifteenth day of April of the taxable year, the estimated
- 15 tax shall be paid in three equal installments. The first
- 16 installment shall be paid at the time of the filing of the
- 17 declaration, and the second and third installments shall
- 18 be paid on the following fifteenth day of September and
- 19 fifteenth day of January, respectively.
- 20 (3) If the declaration is filed after the fifteenth day of
- 21 June and not after the fifteenth day of September of the
- 22 taxable year, and is not required to be filed on or before
- 23 the fifteenth day of June of the taxable year, the estimated
- 24 tax shall be paid in two equal installments. The first in-

- 25 stallment shall be paid at the time of the filing of the
- 26 declaration, and the second shall be paid on the following
- 27 fifteenth day of January.
- 28 (4) If the declaration is filed after the fifteenth day of
- 29 September of the taxable year, and is not required to be
- 30 filed on or before the fifteenth day of September of the
- 31 taxable year, the estimated tax shall be paid in full at the
- 32 time of the filing of the declaration.
- 33 (5) If the declaration is filed after the time prescribed
- 34 therefor, or after the expiration of any extension of time
- 35 therefor, paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of this subsection
- 36 shall not apply, and there shall be paid at the time of
- 37 such filing all installments of estimated tax payable at or
- 38 before such time, and the remaining installments shall be
- 39 paid at the times at which, and in the amounts in which,
- 40 they would have been payable if the declaration had been
- 41 filed when due.
- 42 (b) Farmers.—If an individual referred to in section
- 43 55 (e) (relating to income from farming) makes a declara-
- 44 tion of estimated tax after the fifteenth day of September
- 45 of the taxable year and on or before the following fifteenth

- 46 day of January, the estimated tax shall be paid in full at
- 47 the time of the filing of the declaration.
- 48 (c) Amendments of Declaration.—If any amendment
- 49 of a declaration is filed, the remaining installments, if any,
- 50 shall be rateably increased or decreased (as the case may
- 51 be) to reflect any increase or decrease in the estimated
- 52 tax by reason of such amendment, and if any amendment
- 53 is made after fifteenth day of September of the taxable
- 54 year, any increase in the estimated tax by reason thereof
- 55 shall be paid at the time of making such amendment.
- 56 (d) Application to Short Taxable Year.—This section
- 57 shall apply to a taxable year of less than twelve months
- 58 in accordance with regulations of the tax commissioner.
- 59 (e) Fiscal Year.—This section shall apply to a taxable
- 60 year other than a calendar year by the substitution of the
- 61 months of such fiscal year for the corresponding months
- 62 specified in this section.
- 63 (f) Installment Paid in Advance.—An individual may
- 64 elect to pay any installment of his estimated tax prior to
- 65 the date prescribed for its payment.
 - Sec. 57. Extensions of Time.—(a) General.—The tax

- 2 commissioner may grant a reasonable extension of time
- 3 for payment of tax or estimated tax (or any installment),
- 4 or for filing any return, declaration, statement, or other
- 5 document required pursuant to this article, on such terms
- 6 and conditions as he may require. Except for a taxpayer
- 7 who is outside the United States, no such extension shall
- 8 exceed six months.
- 9 (b) Amount Determined As Deficiency.—The tax com-
- 10 missioner may, under regulations, extend the time for
- 11 payment of an amount determined as a deficiency for a
- 12 period not to exceed eighteen months from the date
- 13 designated for payment of the deficiency, and under ex-
- 14 ceptional circumstances, for a further period not to ex-
- 15 ceed twelve months. An extension under this subsection
- 16 may be granted only where it is established to the satisfac-
- 17 tion of the tax commissioner that the payment of a de-
- 18 ficiency upon the date designated for payment would
- 19 result in undue hardship. No extension shall be granted
- 20 if any part of the deficiency is due to intentional dis-
- 21 regard of rules and regulations or to fraud.
- 22 (c) Claims in Bankruptcy or Receivership Proceedings.

- 23 Extension of time for payment of any portion of a claim
- 24 for tax allowed in bankruptcy, receivership or similar
- 25 proceedings, which is unpaid, may be granted subject to
- 26 the same provisions and limitations as in the case of a
- 27 deficiency in such tax.
- 28 (d) Furnishing of Security.—If any extension of time
- 29 is granted for payment of any tax or deficiency, the tax
- 30 commissioner may require the taxpayer to furnish a bond
- 31 or other security in an amount not exceeding twice the
- 32 amount for which the extension of time for payment is
- 33 granted on such terms and conditions as the tax commis-
- 34 sioner may require.
 - Sec. 58. Requirements concerning Returns, Notices,
 - 2 Records and Statements.—(a) General.—The tax com-
 - 3 missioner may prescribe regulations as to the keeping of
 - 4 records, the content and form of returns and statements,
 - 5 and the filing of copies of federal income tax returns and
 - 6 determinations. The tax commissioner may require any
 - 7 person, by regulation or notice served upon such person,
 - 8 to make such returns, render such statements, or keep
- 9 such records, as the tax commissioner may deem sufficient

- to show whether or not such person is liable under thisarticle for tax or for collection of tax.
- 12 (b) Partnerships.—Every partnership having a resident
- 13 partner or having any income derived from West Virginia
- 14 sources, determined in accordance with the applicable
- 15 rules of section thirty-two as in the case of a nonresident
- 16 individual, shall make a return for the taxable year setting
- 17 forth all items of income, gain, loss and deduction and
- 18 such other pertinent information as the tax commissioner
- 19 may by regulations and instructions prescribe.
- 20 (c) Information At Source.—The tax commissioner
- 21 may prescribe regulations and instructions requiring re-
- 22 turns of information to be made and filed on or before
- 23 the twenty-eighth day of February of each year as to the
- 24 payment or crediting in any calendar year of amounts of
- 25 six hundred dollars or more to any taxpayer under this
- 26 article. Such returns may be required of any person,
- 27 including lessees or mortgagors of real or personal prop-
- 28 erty, fiduciaries, employers, and all officers and employees
- 29 of this state, or of any municipal corporation or political
- 30 subdivision of this state, having the control, receipt, cus-

- 31 tody, disposal or payment of interest, rents, salaries,
- 32 wages, premiums, annuities, compensations, remunera-
- 33 tions, emoluments or other fixed or determinable gains,
- 34 profits or income, except interest coupons payable to
- 35 bearer. A duplicate of the statement as to tax withheld
- 36 on wages, required to be furnished by an employer to an
- 37 employee, shall constitute the return of information re-
- 38 quired to be made under this section with respect to such
- 39 wages.
- 40 (d) Notice of Qualification As Receiver, etc.—Every
- 41 receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, assignee for benefit of
- 42 creditors, or other like fiduciary shall give notice of his
- 43 qualification as such to the tax commissioner, as may be
- 44 required by regulation.
 - Sec. 59. Report of Change in Federal Taxable Income.—
 - 2 If the amount of a taxpayer's federal taxable income re-
 - 3 ported on his federal income tax return for any taxable
- 4 year is changed or corrected by the United States Internal
- 5 Revenue Service or other competent authority, or as the
- 6 result of a renegotiation of a contract or subcontract with
- 7 the United States, the taxpayer shall report such change

- 8 or correction in federal taxable income within ninety days
- 9 after the final determination of such change, correction,
- 10 or renegotiation, or as otherwise required by the tax
- 11 commissioner, and shall concede the accuracy of such
- 12 determination or state wherein it is erroneous. Any tax-
- 13 payer filing an amended federal income tax return shall
- 14 also file within ninety days thereafter an amended return
- 15 under this article, and shall give such information as the
- 16 tax commissioner may require. The tax commissioner
- 17 may by regulation prescribe such exceptions to the re-
- 18 guirements of this section as he deems appropriate.
 - Sec. 60. Change of Election.—Any election expressly
- 2 authorized by this article may be changed on such terms
- 3 and conditions as the tax commissioner may prescribe by
- 4 regulation.
 - Sec. 71. Requirement of Withholding Tax From Wages.
- 2 -- (a) General.—Every employer maintaining an office
- 3 or transacting business within this state and making pay-
- 4 ment of any wages taxable under this article to a resident
- 5 or nonresident individual shall deduct and withhold from
- 6 such wages for each payroll period a tax computed in such

- 7 manner as to result, so far as practicable, in withholding
- 8 from the employee's wages during each calendar year an
- 9 amount substantially equivalent to the tax reasonably
- 10 estimated to be due under this article resulting from the
- 11 inclusion in the employee's West Virginia adjusted gross
- 12 income of his wages received during such calendar year.
- 13 The method of determining the amount to be withheld
- 14 shall be prescribed by regulations of the tax commissioner,
- 15 with due regard to the West Virginia withholding exemp-
- 16 tions of the employee; such method for the year one thou-
- 17 sand nine hundred sixty-one shall prescribe rates of with-
- 18 holding estimated by the tax commissioner to result in
- 19 the withholding during the portion of said year during
- 20 which withholding is in effect of an amount substantially
- 21 equivalent to the tax due for the entire year one thousand
- 22 nine hundred hundred sixty-one. This section shall not
- 23 apply to payments by the United States for service in the
- 24 armed forces of the United States.
- 25 (b) Withholding exemptions.—For purposes of this
- 26 section:
- 27 (1) An employee shall be entitled to the same number

- 28 of West Virginia withholding exemptions as the number
- 29 of withholding exemptions to which he is entitled for fed-
- 30 eral income tax withholding purposes. An employer may
- 31 rely upon the number of federal withholding exemptions
- 32 claimed by the employee, except where the employee
- 33 claims a higher number of West Virginia withholding
- 34 exemptions.
- 35 (2) The amount of each West Virginia exemption shall
- 36 be six hundred dollars whether the individual is a resi-
- 37 dent or a nonresident.
- 38 (c) Exception for certain nonresidents.—If the in-
- 39 come tax law of another state of the United States or of
- 40 the District of Columbia results in its residents being al-
- 41 lowed a credit under section forty sufficient to offset all
- 42 taxes required by this article to be withheld from the
- 43 wages of an employee, the tax commissioner may by reg-
- 44 ulation relieve the employers of such employees from the
- 45 withholding requirements of this article with respect to
- 46 such employees.
 - Sec. 72. Information Statement for Employee.—Every
- 2 employer required to deduct and withhold tax under this

article from the wages of an employee, or who would have

- been required so to deduct and withhold tax if the employee had claimed no more than one withholding exemption, shall furnish to each such employee in respect of the
 wages paid by such employer to such employee during
 the calendar year on or before the fifteenth day of February of the succeeding year, or, if his employment is
- terminated before the close of such calendar year, on the date on which the last payment of the wages is made, a written statement as prescribed by the tax commissioner
- showing the amount of wages paid by the employer to theemployee, the amount deducted and withheld as tax, and
- 15 such other information as the tax commissioner shall 16 prescribe.

Sec. 73. Credit for Tax Withheld.—Wages upon which
tax is required to be withheld shall be taxable under this
article as if no withholding were required, but any amount
of tax actually deducted and withheld under this article
in any calendar year shall be deemed to have been paid
to the tax commissioner on behalf of the person from

7 whom withheld, and such persons shall be credited with

- 8 having paid that amount of tax for the taxable year begin-
- 9 ning in such calendar year. For a taxable year of less
- 10 than twelve months, the credit shall be made under regu-
- 11 lations of the tax commissioner.

Sec. 74. Employer's Return and Payment of Withheld

- 2 Taxes.—(a) General.—Every employer required to de-
- 3 duct and withhold tax under this article shall, for each
- 4 calendar quarter, on or before the last day of the month
- 5 following the close of such calendar quarter, file a with-
- 6 holding return as prescribed by the tax commissioner and
- 7 pay over to the tax commissioner the taxes so required to
- 8 be deducted and withheld; but the tax commissioner may,
- 9 by regulation, provide that every such employer shall on
- 10 or before the fifteenth day of each month pay over to the
- 11 tax commissioner, or a depository designated by the tax
- 12 commissioner, the taxes so required to be deducted and
- 13 withheld if such taxes aggregate one hundred dollars or
- 14 more for the preceding calendar month. Where the ag-
- 15 gregate amount so deducted and withheld by any em-
- 16 ployer is less than twenty-five dollars in a calendar quar-
- 17 ter and the aggregate for the calendar year can reasonably

- 18 be expected to be less than one hundred dollars, the tax
- 19 commissioner may by regulation permit an employer to
- 20 file an annual return. The tax commissioner may, if he
- 21 believes such action necessary for the protection of the
- 22 revenues, require any employer to make such return and
- 23 pay to him the tax deducted and withheld at any time, or
- 24 from time to time.
- 25 (b) Deposit in Trust for Tax Commissioner.—When-
- 26 ever any employer fails to collect, truthfully account for,
- 27 pay over the tax, or make returns of the tax as required
- 28 in this section, the tax commissioner may serve a notice
- 29 requiring such employer to collect the taxes which become
- 30 collectible after service of such notice, to deposit such
- 31 taxes in a bank approved by the tax commissioner, in a
- 32 separate account, in trust for and payable to the tax com-
- 33 missioner, and to keep the amount of such tax in such
- 34 account until payment over to the tax commissioner.
- 35 Such notice shall remain in effect until a notice of can-
- 36 cellation is served by the tax commissioner.
 - Sec. 75. Employer's Liability for Withheld Taxes.—
- 2 Every employer required to deduct and withhold tax un-

der this article is hereby made liable for such tax. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this article, all the provisions of sections eighty to ninety-three of this article relating to assessment and collection of taxes, and to penalties, additions to tax, and interest in respect thereto, shall apply to every employer required to withhold tax under this article. For such purposes any amount required to be withheld and paid over to the tax 10 11 commissioner shall be considered the tax of the employer. Any amount of tax actually deducted and withheld under 12 this article shall be held to be a special fund in trust for the tax commissioner. No employee shall have any right of action against his employer in respect to any moneys 15 deducted and withheld from his wages and paid over to the tax commissioner in compliance or in intended com-17 18 pliance with this article.

Sec. 76. Employer's Failure to Withhold.—If an employer fails to deduct and withhold tax as required, and
thereafter the tax against which such tax may be credited
is paid, the tax so required to be deducted and withheld
shall not be collected from the employer, but the em-

- 6 ployer shall not be relieved from liability for any penal-
- 7 ties, interest, or additions to the tax otherwise applicable
- 8 in respect of such failure to deduct and withhold.
 - Sec. 80. General Provisions.—(a) Regulations.—The
- 2 tax commissioner shall administer and enforce the tax
- 3 herein imposed and shall issue all needful regulations,
- 4 rules, and interpretations thereof. All regulations, rules
- 5 and interpretations issued by the tax commissioner shall
- 6 be filed with the secretary of state of West Virginia as
- 7 provided in section three of article two of chapter five of
- 8 this code, provided that all such regulations, rules and
- 9 interpretations originally issued by the tax commissioner
- 10 during the year one thousand nine hundred sixty-one shall
- 11 take effect immediately upon the filing of copies thereof
- 12 in the office of the secretary of state.
- 13 (b) Investigations.—The tax commissioner for the
- 14 purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any returns or
- 15 for the purpose of making an estimate of taxable income
- 16 of any person shall have the power to examine or cause
- 17 to be examined, by any agent or any representative desig-
- 18 nated by the tax commissioner, any books, papers, records

- 19 or memoranda bearing upon the matters required to be
- 20 included in the return and may require the attendance of
- 21 the person rendering the return or the attendance of any
- 22 other person having knowledge in the premises and may
- 23 take testimony and may require material proof with pow-
- 24 er to administer oath to such person or persons.
- 25 (c) Returns by Tax Commissioner.—If any taxpayer
- 26 fails to file a return at the time required by law or by reg-
- 27 ulation made under authority of law, the tax commissioner
- 28 may proceed to make a return from any information
- 29 available.
- 30 (d) Secrecy of Returns.—Except when required in an
- 31 official investigation or proceedings in court involving
- 32 taxes payable under this article and except as provided in
- 33 subparagraph (e) of this section, it shall be unlawful for
- 34 any officer or employee of the state to divulge or make
- 35 known in any manner the amount of income or any par-
- 36 ticulars set forth or disclosed in any report, declaration or
- 37 return required to be filed with the tax commissioner by
- 38 this article or any regulation of the tax commissioner
- 39 issued hereunder.

- 40 (e) Reciprocal Exchange.—The tax commissioner may permit the proper officer of the United States or any state, 42 territory or political subdivision of the United States, or his authorized representative, to inspect reports, declara-43 44 tions, or returns filed with the tax commissioner or may furnish to such officer or representative a copy of any such 46 document provided such other jurisdiction grants substantially similar privileges to the tax commissioner or to 47 48 the attorney general of this state. Subsection (d) of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the publication 49 of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of 50 particular reports and the items thereof. 51
 - Sec. 81. Assessment.—(a) Taxes Shown On Return.—

 2 The tax commissioner shall assess all taxes determined

 3 by the taxpayer or the tax commissioner to be due as

 4 shown by any return filed under this article and may at

 5 any time within the period prescribed for assessment

 6 make a supplemental assessment whenever it is ascer
 7 tained that any assessment is imperfect or incomplete in

 8 any material respect.
- 9 (b) Assessment of Deficiencies.—Whenever the tax
 10 commissioner shall determine that any tax due under this

- 11 article has not been paid in full, the tax commissioner
- 12 shall make an assessment against the taxpayer of such
- 13 deficiency in tax, addition to tax, interest or penalties as
- 14 he may find to be due, and shall give the taxpayer written
- 15 notice of such assessment.
- 16 (c) Abatement of Assessments.—The tax commis-
- 17 sioner may abate in whole or in part any assessment
- 18 which he shall determine to be erroneous.
 - Sec. 82. Deficiency Procedure.—(a) Informal Proceed-
- 2 ings.—Prior to assessing a deficiency as provided in sec-
- 3 tion eighty-one the tax commissioner may notify the tax-
- 4 payer in writing that he proposes to assess a deficiency
- 5 and afford the taxpayer in person or by his representative
- 6 an opportunity to be heard with respect to the proposed
- 7 deficiency, either by the filing of a written protest against
- 8 the proposed deficiency or by informal conference or both.
- 9 (b) Judicial Review of Proposed Assessments.—At
- 10 least ninety days prior to assessing a deficiency (except a
- 11 deficiency occurring as the result of a mathematical error
- 12 on the face of the return) the tax commissioner shall no-
- 13 tify the taxpayer in writing of the amount of the de-

14 ficiency to be assessed and the reasons therefor. Such 15 notice shall advise the taxpayer that the assessment will be made unless the taxpayer within said ninety day period either pays the amount to be assessed or commences suit 17 for a declaratory judgment or decree as to his liability therefor. If the taxpayer neither pays the amount of the 19 deficiency proposed nor commences a suit for a declara-20 tory judgment or decree within said ninety day period, 21 22 the assessment shall be made. A taxpayer who has been notified of the determination of a deficiency under this 23 article may apply to a circuit court for a declaratory 24 25 judgment or decree under article thirteen, chapter fifty-26 five of this code. In the case of a resident taxpayer, application may be made to the circuit court of the county of 27 the taxpayer's residence. In the case of a nonresident tax-28 29 payer, such application may be made to the circuit court 30 of the county in which the taxpayer is employed or if the taxpayer is not employed within the state, to the circuit 31 court of the county in which income producing property 32 of the taxpayer is situated. In all other cases, such appli-33 34 cations shall be made to the circuit court of the county in 35 which the seat of the state government is located. No assessment shall be made of any proposed deficiency while 36 37 proceedings to secure a declaratory judgment or decree are pending. In any such proceedings all questions re-38 39 lating to the liability of the taxpayer for the taxable year or years shall be determined. The tax commissioner shall 40 have the burden of proof on any issue raised by him sub-41 42 sequent to the commencement of the proceedings.

Sec. 83. Collection.—The tax commissioner shall collect the taxes, additions to tax, interest and penalties imposed by this article. In addition to all other remedies available for the collection of debts due the state, the tax commissioner may proceed by foreclosure of the lien provided in section eighty-four or by distraint and sale under section eighty-five. Every assessment made by the tax commissioner under this article shall constitute a judgment and may be collected as judgments are collected.

Sec. 84. *Lien.*—If any person liable to pay any tax as2 sessed under this article, neglects or refuses to pay the
3 same within ten days after written notice of assessment
4 of the same, the amount of said tax, including any addi-

- 5 tions to tax, interest and penalties, together with any
- 6 costs that may accrue, shall become a lien in the favor of
- 7 the State of West Virginia upon all property and rights
- 8 to property whether real or personal belonging to such
- 9 person.
- 10 The lien imposed by this section shall arise at the time
- 11 the assessment is made and shall continue until the lia-
- 12 bility for the amount so assessed shall be satisfied or be-
- 13 comes unenforceable by reason of lapse of time.
- 14 The lien imposed by this section shall be subject to the
- 15 restrictions and conditions embodied in article ten-c,
- 16 chapter thirty-eight of this code and any amendment
- 17 made or which may hereafter be made thereto.
- 18 The tax commissioner, pursuant to regulations pre-
- 19 scribed by him, may issue his certificate of release of any
- 20 lien imposed pursuant to this section upon finding that
- 21 the liability for the amount assessed has been fully satis-
- 22 fied or has become legally unenforceable or is adequately
- 23 secured by bond or other security.
 - Sec. 85. Distraint.—If any tax imposed by this article
- 2 required to be paid at the time a return is filed or any

portion of such tax be not so paid or if an assessment of the tax be made by the tax commissioner and notice thereof be given as required by this article or if any in-5 stallment of a tax be not paid within thirty days after the same becomes due, the tax commissioner may issue a war-7 rant directed to the sheriff of any county of the state commanding him to levy upon and sell the real and personal 9 property of the person owing the same found within his 10 11 county for the payment of the amount thereof with the added penalties, interest, and the cost of executing the 12 warrant, and to return such warrant to the tax commis-13 sioner and pay to him the money collected by virtue 14 15 thereof by a time to be therein specified and not less than sixty days from the date of such warrant. In case the tax 16 commissioner shall find that the collection of a tax would 17 18 be jeopardized by the delay of thirty days as above pro-19 vided he may issue his warrant within said period. The 20 sheriff shall within five days after the receipt of the war-21 rant file with the clerk of the county court a copy thereof and thereupon the clerk shall enter in the judgment 22 23 docket the name of the taxpayer mentioned in the warrant and the amount of the tax or portion thereof and

25 penalties for which the warrant is issued and the date 26 when such copy is filed and thereupon the amount so 27 docketed shall become a lien upon the title to and interest 28 in real property or chattels real of the person against 29 whom it is issued in the same manner as a judgment duly 30 docketed in the office of such clerk. The said sheriff shall 31 thereupon proceed upon the same in all respects, with like 32 effect, and in the same manner prescribed by law in re-33 spect to executions issued against property upon judgments of a court of record, and shall be entitled to the 34 same fees for his services in executing the warrant, to be 35 36 collected in the same manner. In the discretion of the tax 37 commissioner a warrant of like terms, force and effect 38 may be issued and directed to any officer or employee of 39 the tax commissioner and in the execution thereof such 40 officer or employee shall have all the powers conferred by 41 law upon sheriffs, but shall be entitled to no fee or com-42 pensation in excess of actual expenses paid in the performance of such duty. If a warrant be returned not satis-43 44 fied in full, the tax commissioner shall have the same

- 45 remedies to enforce the claim for taxes against the tax-
- 46 payer as if the state had recovered judgment against the
- 47 taxpayer for the amount of the tax.

Sec. 86. Overpayments, Credits and Refunds.—(a) Re-

- 2 funding of Overpayments.—In the case of any overpay-
- 3 ment of any tax, addition to tax, interest or penalties im-
- 4 posed by this article, whether by reason of error on the
- 5 part of the taxpayer, excessive withholding, or an er-
- 6 roneous assessment of tax, the tax commissioner shall re-
- 7 fund the amount of the overpayment to the taxpayer. If
- 8 any overpayment is not refunded within six months from
- 9 the date a claim for the refund thereof is filed by the tax-
- 10 payer, interest shall be paid upon the amount of such
- 11 overpayment at the rate of six per centum from the date
- 12 of the filing of the claim for the refund thereof. The tax
- 13 commissioner may prescribe by regulation the form and
- 14 content of a claim for refund.
- 15 (b) Credits.—At the election of the taxpayer, the
- 16 amount of any overpayment may be applied by the tax-
- 17 payer as a credit against his liability for taxes under this
- 18 article for the subsequent year.

(c) Petitions for Refund.—In the event that any over-19 payment of tax, addition to tax, interest or penalty paid 20 under this article is not refunded or credited pursuant to 21 22 subsection (a) or (b) of this section within six months after the filing of a claim for the refund thereof, or in the 23 event such claim is denied by the tax commissioner, the taxpayer may file a petition for refund pursuant to sec-25 tion two (a) of article one, chapter eleven of this code. Not-26 withstanding the period of limitations prescribed in said 27 section, a taxpayer may file a petition for refund at the 28 latest within six months after a final determination by the United States Internal Revenue Service or other com-30 petent authority of an overpayment in the taxpayer's fed-31 32 eral income tax liability.

Sec. 87. Limitations On Assessment.—(a) General Rule.

The amount of any tax imposed by this article shall be assessed within three years after the due date of the return, provided that in the case of a false or fraudulent return filed with the intent to evade tax or in the case no return is filed the tax may be assessed or a proceeding in court for the collection of such tax may be begun at any

- 8 time, provided further that in the event the tax commis-
- 9 sioner notifies the taxpayer of a deficiency pursuant to
- 10 section eighty-two (b) of this article, within three years
- 11 after the due date of the return, the deficiency may be
- 12 assessed within ninety days from the date of such notice
- 13 or from the final determination of any declaratory judg-
- 14 ment proceeding brought by the taxpayer.
- 15 (b) Extension By Agreement.—The tax commissioner
- 16 and the taxpayer may by a written agreement extend the
- 17 period within which the tax may be assessed in accordance
- 18 with regulations promulgated by the state tax commis-
- 19 sioner.
- 20 (c) Deficiency In Federal Tax.—In the event of a final
- 21 determination by the United States Internal Revenue
- 22 Service or other competent authority of a deficiency in
- 23 the taxpayer's federal income tax liability, the period of
- 24 limitation upon assessment of a deficiency reflecting said
- 25 final determinations in the tax imposed by this article
- 26 shall not expire until ninety days after the tax commis-
- 27 sioner is advised of the determination by the taxpayer
- 28 as provided in section fifty-nine.

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Sec. 88. Limitations On Collection.—No proceeding

- 2 shall be maintained in any court to collect any tax im-
- 3 posed by this article or to subject any property to sale
- 4 under the lien provided for in section eighty-four of this
- 5 article after the expiration of the period of limitation on
- 6 assessment provided in section eighty-seven, unless the
- 7 tax was assessed prior to the expiration of such period.

Sec. 89. Interest.—Taxes imposed by this article, if not

- 2 paid when due, shall bear interest at the rate of six per
- 3 centum per annum from the due date of the return. Each
- 4 assessment made by the tax commissioner shall bear in-
- 5 terest at the rate of six per centum per annum from the
- 6 date thereof if not paid within ten days from receipt of
- 7 notice thereof by the taxpayer.

Sec. 90. Additions to Tax.—(a) Delinquency.—In the

- 2 case of any failure to make or file a return or whenever
- 3 the full amount of the tax or any portion or deficiency
- 4 thereof has not been paid, as required by this article, un-
- 5 less it be shown that such failure be due to reasonable
- 6 cause and not due to willful neglect there shall be added
- 7 to the tax five per centum if a failure is not for more than

- 8 thirty days with an additional five per centum for each
- 9 additional thirty days or fraction thereof during which
- 10 failure shall continue not to exceed twenty-five per
- 11 centum in the aggregate. The amount so added to any tax
- 12 shall be collected at the same time and in the same man-
- 13 ner and as a part of the tax unless the tax has been paid
- 14 before the discovery of the neglect by the tax commis-
- 15 sioner in which case the amount so added shall be col-
- 16 lected in the same manner as the tax; provided, that in
- 17 all cases of delinquency, interest shall be assessed.
- 18 (b) Fraud.—In the case of the filing of any false or
- 19 fraudulent return with intent to evade the tax imposed
- 20 by this article, or in the case of a willful failure to file a
- 21 return with intent to evade the tax, there shall be added
- 22 to the tax an amount equal fifty per centum thereof which
- 23 shall be in lieu of the addition to tax provided for in sec-
- 24 tion ninety (a) of this article. The burden of proving
- 25 fraud, willfulness, or intent to evade tax shall be upon
- 26 the tax commissioner.
 - Sec. 91. Penalties.—(a) Failure to Collect, Account
 - 2 For, And Pay Over Tax, or Attempt to Defeat or Evade

- 3 Tax.—Any person required under this article to collect,
- 4 account for, and pay over any tax imposed by this article,
- 5 who willfully fails to truthfully account for and pay over
- 6 such tax, and any person who willfully attempts in any
- 7 manner to evade or defeat any tax imposed by this article
- 8 or the payment thereof, shall, in addition to other penal-
- 9 ties provided by law, be liable to a money penalty equal
- 10 to the total amount evaded, or not collected, or not ac-
- 11 counted for and paid over.
- 12 (b) Fraudulent Statement or Failure to Furnish State-
- 13 ment to Employee.—Any person required under the pro-
- 14 visions of section seventy-two of this article to furnish a
- 15 statement to an employee who willfully furnishes a false
- 16 or fraudulent statement, or who willfully fails to furnish
- 17 a statement in the manner, at the time, and showing the
- 18 information required by said section, or regulations pre-
- 19 scribed thereunder, shall for each such failure be subject
- 20 to a money penalty of fifty dollars.
- 21 (c) Person Defined.—The term "person" as used in this
- 22 section includes, but is not limited to, an officer or em-
- 23 ployee of a corporation, or a member or employee of a

- 24 partnership, who, as such officer, employee or member, is
- 25 under a duty to perform the act in respect of which the
- 26 violation occurs.
- 27 (d) Collection of Penalty.—Any money penalty may
- 28 be collected in the same way as the tax imposed by this
- 29 article.

Sec. 92. Crimes.—(a) Failure to File Returns, Submit

- 2 Information, or Pay Tax.—Any person required under
- 3 this article to pay any tax or estimated tax, or required
- 4 by law to make a return or declaration, keep any records,
- 5 or supply any information, for the purposes of the com-
- 6 putation, assessment, withholding, or collection of any
- 7 tax or estimated tax imposed by this article, who, at the
- 8 time or times required by law, willfully fails to pay such
- 9 tax or estimated tax, make such return or declaration,
- 10 keep such records, or supply such information, or willfully
- 11 furnishes false and fraudulent information, shall, in addi-
- 12 tion to other penalties provided by law, be guilty of a
- 13 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be fined not
- 14 more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not
- 15 more than one year, or both, together with the costs of

- 16 prosecution.
- 17 (b) Failure to Collect and Pay Over Tax, or Attempt to Defeat or Evade Tax.—Any person required under this 18 19 article to collect, account for, and pay over any tax imposed by this article, who willfully fails to collect or with-20 21 hold or truthfully to account for and pay over such tax, 22 and any person who willfully attempts in any manner to 23 evade or defeat any tax imposed by this article or the pay-24 ment thereof, shall, in addition to other penalties provided 25 by law, be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than one thousand dollars or 26 27 imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, together 28 with the costs of prosecution.
- 29 (c) False Returns or Certification.—Any person who 30 willfully makes and subscribes a return which he does not believe to be true and correct as to every material 31 32 matter, or who willfully makes a certification (as defined 33 in subsection (c) of section fifty-three of this article) that 34 is false, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one thousand 35 dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, 36

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37 together with costs of prosecution.

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- 38 (d) Person Defined.—The term "person" as used in 39 this section includes, but is not limited to, an officer or 40 employee of a corporation, or a member or employee of 41 a partnership, who, as such officer, employee or member, 42 is under a duty to perform the act in respect of which the
- 44 (e) State Officers or Employees.—Any officer or em45 ployee of the state who violates section eighty (d) of this
 46 article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon con47 viction thereof, shall be fined not more than one thousand
 48 dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both,
 49 together with the costs of prosecution.
- 50 (f) Prima Facie Evidence.—The certificate of the tax commissioner signed by his own hand to the effect that a 51 52 tax has not been paid, that a return has not been filed, or 53 that information has not been supplied as required by or under the provisions of this article shall be prima facie 54 evidence that such tax has not been paid, that such return 55 56 has not been filed, or that such information has not been 57 supplied.

officer initiating proceedings against any person under this section shall do so in the county wherein such person resides, or if such person be a nonresident, then in the county wherein such nonresident is employed, or, if such nonresident is not employed in this state then in the county in which the seat of the State government is located.

Sec. 93. Disposition of Revenue.—Of the revenue collected under this article the state treasurer shall retain in his hands such amount as the tax commissioner may determine to be necessary for refunds to which taxpayers shall be entitled under this article. The state treasurer shall, after reserving such refund fund, on or before the tenth day of each month pay all interest, penalties and taxes collected under this article and remaining to his credit in banks, banking houses or trust companies at the close of business on the last day of the preceding month, into the general fund of the state treasury.

Sec. 94. Effective Date; Severability.—(a) Effective

2 Date.—The provisions of this article shall take effect im-

mediately. Such provisions shall apply to all taxable years ending on or after the thirty-first day of December 4 5 one thousand nine hundred sixty-one, and to the entirety of each such year, including that part which has elapsed 6 7 prior to the effective date of this article. Such provisions shall also apply to taxable years beginning prior to and ending in the year one thousand nine hundred sixty-one, but the tax imposed for any such year shall be one-10 11 twelfth of a tax for the full year multiplied by the number of months elapsed from the first day of January nineteen hundred sixty-one until the end of the taxable year. 13 14 (b) Severability.—If any provision of this article or the application thereof shall for any reason be adjudged 16 by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such 17 judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the re-18 mainder of said article, but shall be confined in its opera-19 tion to the provision thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been ren-20 21 dered, and the applicability of such provision to other 22 persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled/)

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