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HOUSE BILL No. 231

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Singleton
and Mr. Slonaker)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight, article eleven, chapter eighteen, and article eight, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, all relating to the operation and program of the cooperative extension service of West Virginia university and to the employment, duties and responsibilities of county extension agents and other extension service employees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section eight, article eleven, chapter eighteen, and article eight, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
CHAPTER 18. EDUCATION

Article 11. West Virginia University.

Section 8. Cooperative Extension Service.—In order to promote the advancement of agriculture, home economics and forestry within the state, and in order to promote general economic development and the improvement of cultural and social life among the people of the several communities, counties and areas of the state, the agricultural extension division heretofore created and established at West Virginia university shall be continued and shall hereafter be known as the "Cooperative Extension Service". Activities of the cooperative extension service shall be conducted under such rules, regulations and methods as may be approved by the board of governors. Such activities may include: (1) Organize and extend assistance to youth and adult groups which have for their objective the development of human and natural resources, (2) prepare and distribute educational materials for the advancement of knowledge, particularly in agriculture, forestry, home economics and area and community development, and (3) in cooperation with school officials and the United
States department of agriculture, conduct programs in
group planning and action to assist community, county,
regional and state groups in the attainment of the above
objectives under the direction of local and volunteer
leadership.

Within the limits of funds available for the purpose
from federal, state or other sources, the board of gover-
nors shall employ such county extension agents and other
extension personnel as may be needed to accomplish the
purposes outlined in this section. All extension workers
employed under the provisions of this section, or as pro-
vided in article eight, chapter nineteen of this code, shall
be supervised and trained by the cooperative extension
service to promote and advance the economic, cultural and
social interests of the people in the respective areas to
which they are assigned.

All provisions of this code in reference to the agricul-
tural extension division, to county agricultural agents,
to county home demonstration agents, and to other agri-
cultural extension workers shall hereafter be construed
to refer to the cooperative extension service and to the
extension workers provided for in this section.
CHAPTER 19. AGRICULTURE

Article 8. Cooperative Extension Workers.

Section 1. Establishment, Authority, Duties and Responsibilities of the County Extension Service Committee.—The county extension service committee shall be composed of (a) the president of the county farm bureau, (b) the president of the county home demonstration council, (c) the president of the county Four-H leaders' association, (d) a county commissioner designated by the president of the county court, (e) a member of the county board of education designated by the president of the county board of education, (f) a county representative of the grange, and (g) two members who are residents of the county to be appointed by the board of governors of West Virginia University for staggered terms of three years each beginning on the first day of July, and in making these appointments the board of governors shall appoint one member designated by any other active farm organization in the county not already represented by virtue of this section. If any of the above-named organizations do not exist in the county, the board of governors of
West Virginia university may appoint an additional member for each such vacancy. The committee shall annually elect from its membership a chairman and a secretary.

It shall each year be the duty and responsibility of the county extension service committee:

(1) To enter into a memorandum of agreement with the cooperative extension service of West Virginia university for the employment of county cooperative extension workers.

(2) To prepare a memorandum of agreement with the county court and with the county board of education for their financial support of extension work.

(3) To give guidance and assistance in the development of the county cooperative extension service program and in the preparation of the annual plan of work for the county.

Such county cooperative extension service committee may on or before the first day of July of each year file with the county court a written memorandum of agreement with the cooperative extension service of West Virginia university for the employment for the next fiscal
The county cooperative extension service committee may also file on or before the first day of July of each year with the county board of education a written memorandum of agreement with the cooperative extension service of West Virginia university for the employment for the next fiscal year of Four-H club or youth development agents, associate or assistant agents, and clerical workers.

If such agreement or agreements are so filed, the county court and the county board of education of such county, or either of them, may annually enter into such agreement or agreements for the employment for the next fiscal year of such county extension agents, home demonstration agents, Four-H club or youth development agents, associate or assistant agents, and clerical workers, or any of them, as may be nominated by the cooperative extension service of West Virginia university, and approved in writing by at least five members of the county extension service committee.
Salaries and expenses of all such county extension workers shall be paid, by the cooperative extension service, the county court, and the board of education, or jointly out of such appropriations as are made by the Legislature, the county court, and the board of education, separately or in conjunction with such federal acts as do now, or may hereafter provide funds for such purpose.

That part of salaries, travel and general office expense to be provided by the county court according to the approved memorandum shall be paid from general county funds.

Sec. 2. Appropriations to Be Expended In Conformity to “Smith-Lever Act”.—All moneys levied or appropriated by the county court or the county board of education under this article shall be expended upon orders of the county court or board of education as other such county funds are expended, and a duplicate of all salary vouchers and expense accounts shall be filed with the cooperative extension service of West Virginia university in such form as will comply with the provisions of the act of Congress approved May eighth, one thousand nine hundred fourteen, known as the “Smith-Lever
12 Act”, or any act of Congress amendatory thereof or sup-
13 plementary thereto, but no part of any money so appro-
14 priated shall be used to compensate any representative
15 of West Virginia university or any other person, except
16 the persons employed under this article.

Sec. 3. Duties of County Extension Workers; Exten-
2 sion Service to Cooperate.—Under the supervision of the
3 cooperative extension service of West Virginia university,
4 it shall be the duty of each county extension worker to
5 promote, through various educational programs, the im-
6 provement and advancement of agriculture, forestry and
7 home economics, and the general economic, cultural and
8 social life of the people in the respective areas to which
9 they are assigned. It shall also be the duty of the co-
10 operative extension service of West Virginia university
11 to cooperate with each county court and each county
12 board of education appropriating money under this
13 article.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect 90 days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 2nd day of March, 1963.

Governor

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