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and Mr. Stonaker)



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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
2 to promote the advancement of agriculture, home econom-
3 ics and forestry within the state, and in order to promote
4 general economic development and the improvement of
5 cultural and social life among the people of the several
6 communities, counties and areas of the state, the agricul-
7 tural extension division heretofore created and established
8 at West Virginia university shall be continued and shall
9 hereafter be known as the “Cooperative Extension Serv-
10 ice”. Activities of the cooperative extension service shall
11 be conducted under such rules, regulations and methods as
12 may be approved by the board of governors. Such activi-
13 ties may include: (1) Organize and extend assistance to
14 youth and adult groups which have for their objective the
15 development of human and natural resources, (2) prepare
16 and distribute educational materials for the advancement
17 of knowledge, particularly in agriculture, forestry, home
18 economics and area and community development, and
19 (3) in cooperation with school officials and the United

20 States department of agriculture, conduct programs in
21 group planning and action to assist community, county,
22 regional and state groups in the attainment of the above
23 objectives under the direction of local and volunteer
24 leadership.

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

36 All provisions of this code in reference to the agricul-
37 tural extension division, to county agricultural agents,
38 to county home demonstration agents, and to other agri-
39 cultural extension workers shall hereafter be construed
40 to refer to the cooperative extension service and to the
41 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

20 West Virginia university may appoint an additional mem-
21 ber for each such vacancy. The committee shall annually
22 elect from its membership a chairman and a secretary.

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

25 (1) To enter into a memorandum of agreement with
26 the cooperative extension service of West Virginia uni-
27 versity for the employment of county cooperative ex-
28 tension workers.

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

32 (3) To give guidance and assistance in the develop-
33 ment of the county cooperative extension service program
34 and in the preparation of the annual plan of work for
35 the county.

36 Such county cooperative extension service committee
37 may on or before the first day of July of each year file
38 with the county court a written memorandum of agree-
39 ment with the cooperative extension service of West Vir-
40 ginia university for the employment for the next fiscal

41 year of county extension agents, home demonstration
42 agents, associate or assistant agents, and clerical workers.

43 The county cooperative extension service committee
44 may also file on or before the first day of July of each
45 year with the county board of education a written memor-
46 andum of agreement with the cooperative extension serv-
47 ice of West Virginia university for the employment for the
48 next fiscal year of Four-H club or youth development
49 agents, associate or assistant agents, and clerical workers.

50 If such agreement or agreements are so filed, the county
51 court and the county board of education of such county, or
52 either of them, may annually enter into such agreement or
53 agreements for the employment for the next fiscal year of
54 such county extension agents, home demonstration agents,
55 Four-H club or youth development agents, associate or as-
56 sistant agents, and clerical workers, or any of them, as
57 may be nominated by the cooperative extension service of
58 West Virginia university, and approved in writing by at
59 least five members of the county extension service com-
60 mittee.

61 Salaries and expenses of all such county extension
62 workers shall be paid, by the cooperative extension serv-
63 ice, the county court, and the board of education, or
64 jointly out of such appropriations as are made by the
65 Legislature, the county court, and the board of education,
66 separately or in conjunction with such federal acts as do
67 now, or may hereafter provide funds for such purpose.
68 That part of salaries, travel and general office expense to
69 be provided by the county court according to the approved
70 memorandum shall be paid from general county funds.

Sec. 2. Appropriations to Be Expended In Conform-
2 **ity to "Smith-Lever Act".**—All moneys levied or appro-
3 priated by the county court or the county board of edu-
4 cation under this article shall be expended upon orders
5 of the county court or board of education as other
6 such county funds are expended, and a duplicate of all
7 salary vouchers and expense accounts shall be filed with
8 the cooperative extension service of West Virginia uni-
9 versity in such form as will comply with the provisions
10 of the act of Congress approved May eighth, one thou-
11 sand 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; Extension Service to Cooperate.—Under the supervision of the
2 cooperative extension service of West Virginia university,
3 it shall be the duty of each county extension worker to
4 promote, through various educational programs, the im-
5 provement and advancement of agriculture, forestry and
6 home economics, and the general economic, cultural and
7 social life of the people in the respective areas to which
8 they are assigned. It shall also be the duty of the co-
9 operative extension service of West Virginia university
10 to cooperate with each county court and each county
11 board of education appropriating money under this
12 article.
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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

M. M. Cannon
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