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HOUSE BILL No. 501

(By Mr. Mills & Mr. Davidson)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article four, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to rewards and detection of crime.

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

That section two, article four, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**Article 4. Prosecuting Attorney, Rewards and Legal Advice.**

**Section 2. Rewards and Detection of Crime; Bounties.**

2 —The prosecuting attorney of any county, with the ap-  
3 proval of the county court, or of the governor, or of the

4 court of the county vested with authority to try criminal  
5 offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation, may, within  
6 his discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of per-  
7 sons charged with crime, or may expend money for the  
8 detection of crime. Any money expended under this  
9 section shall, when approved by the prosecuting attorney,  
10 be paid out of the county fund, in the same manner as  
11 other county expenses are paid. The county court may  
12 also offer reasonable bounties and rewards for the de-  
13 struction of noxious animals, birds of prey, or weeds in  
14 the county, payable out of the county treasury: *Provided,*  
15 *however,* That nothing herein shall permit or give to the  
16 prosecuting attorney of any county, having a population  
17 according to the last official census of sixty thousand or  
18 less, the right to appoint a full-time investigator or de-  
19 tector of crime, or to expend any money for the investi-  
20 gation of any crime committed in his county beyond the  
21 actual expense of the investigation of said crime, except  
22 in the county of Wyoming, the prosecuting attorney with  
23 the consent of the circuit judge and the county court  
24 therein, may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid

25 an annual salary of not less than one thousand two hun-  
26 dred dollars nor more than twenty-four hundred dollars,  
27 and actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these  
28 limits by the county court; except further in the county  
29 of Wayne, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an in-  
30 vestigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not  
31 less than thirty-six hundred dollars nor more than forty-  
32 eight hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary  
33 within these limits to be fixed by the county court; except  
34 further in the county of Lincoln, the prosecuting attorney  
35 may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual  
36 salary of not less than one thousand two hundred dollars  
37 nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and ac-  
38 tual expenses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by  
39 the prosecuting attorney; except further in the county of  
40 Mason, the prosecuting attorney with the consent of the  
41 county court or the circuit judge, may appoint an investi-  
42 gator of crime to be paid a salary of not less than one  
43 hundred dollars nor more than two thousand four hun-  
44 dred dollars and actual expenses, the salary to be fixed  
45 within these limits by the county court; except further

46 in the county of Marshall, the prosecuting attorney may  
47 appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual  
48 salary of not less than thirty-six hundred dollars nor  
49 more than forty-eight hundred dollars, and actual ex-  
50 penses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by the  
51 county court.

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

*O Ray Parker*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Ethel L. Crandall*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1963, ~~passage.~~

*J Howard Thayer*  
Clerk of the Senate

*C A Blankenship*  
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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 1963.

*WTT Banner*  
Governor

