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HOUSE BILL No. 501

(By Mr. [Signature]

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JOE F. BURDETT
SECRETARY OF STATE
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 approval of the county court, or of the governor, or of the
court of the county vested with authority to try criminal
offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation, may, within
his discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of per-
sons charged with crime, or may expend money for the
detection of crime. Any money expended under this
section shall, when approved by the prosecuting attorney,
be paid out of the county fund, in the same manner as
other county expenses are paid. The county court may
also offer reasonable bounties and rewards for the de-
struction of noxious animals, birds of prey, or weeds in
the county, payable out of the county treasury: *Provided,
however, That nothing herein shall permit or give to the
prosecuting attorney of any county, having a population
according to the last official census of sixty thousand or
less, the right to appoint a full-time investigator or de-
tector of crime, or to expend any money for the investi-
gation of any crime committed in his county beyond the
actual expense of the investigation of said crime, except
in the county of Wyoming, the prosecuting attorney with
the consent of the circuit judge and the county court
therein, may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid
an annual salary of not less than one thousand two hundred dollars nor more than twenty-four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these limits by the county court; except further in the county of Wayne, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than thirty-six hundred dollars nor more than forty-eight hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by the county court; except further in the county of Lincoln, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than one thousand two hundred dollars nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and actual expenses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by the prosecuting attorney; except further in the county of Mason, the prosecuting attorney with the consent of the county court or the circuit judge, may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid a salary of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these limits by the county court; except further
in the county of Marshall, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than thirty-six hundred dollars nor more than forty-eight hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by the county court.
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.


Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 16th day of March, 1963.

Governor