WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1963

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 196

(By Mr. Miller)

PASSED February 22, 1963

In Effect from Passage

Filed in Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia March 4, 1963

JOE F. BURDETT
SECRETARY OF STATE
AN ACT to amend article seven, chapter eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine, relating to payment of money out of municipal treasuries.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article seven, chapter eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine, to read as follows:

Section 9. Payment of Money Out of Municipal Treasury; Signing of Orders by Mechanical or Electrical Devices; Forgery; Penalty.—No money shall be paid out of
any municipal treasury except upon an order duly signed by the municipal officers authorized to sign such order:

Provided, That such signatures may be made by means of such mechanical or electrical device as the municipal governing body may select. Such mechanical or electrical device for the making of such signatures shall be safely kept in the office of the municipal clerk so that no one shall have access thereto except the municipal officers authorized to sign such orders, the municipal clerk and such of their respective employees as may be authorized to have access thereto.

If the municipal officer or officers charged with the responsibility of keeping the aforementioned mechanical or electrical device wilfully or by neglect permit or make it possible for an unauthorized person to sign the name of any municipal officer authorized to sign such order by the use of any such mechanical or electrical device upon any warrant, order or check, such municipal officer or officers shall be personally liable, jointly and severally, for the amount of any loss resulting to the municipality.
If any person other than the persons authorized so to do shall sign the name of any municipal officer authorized to sign such order by the use of any such mechanical or electrical device, or otherwise, upon any warrant, order or check, he shall be guilty of forgery; and if any person shall utter or attempt to employ as true such forged warrant, order or check, knowing the same to be forged, he shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than ten years.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect ___________ passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within _______________ this the __________ day of _______________ 1963.

Governor

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JOSEPH P. PURDUE
SECRETARY OF STATE