WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1963

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SENATE BILL NO. 306

(By Mr. Carson, Mr. President
and Mr. Carrigan)

PASSED March 7, 1963

In Effect From Passage

Filed in Office of the Secretary of State
of West Virginia 3-15-63
JOE F. BURDETT
SECRETARY OF STATE
AN ACT to amend chapter one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article four, relating to the relocation of meeting places of governing bodies of political subdivisions in the event of an enemy attack or threatened enemy attack.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Article 4. Relocation of Meeting Places of Governing Bodies of Political Subdivisions.

Section 1. Relocation.—Whenever, due to an emergency
resulting from the effects of enemy attack, or the anticipated effects of a threatened enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of local government at the regular or usual place or places thereof, the governing body of each political subdivision of this state may meet at any place within or without the territorial limits of such political subdivision on the call of the presiding officer or any two members of such governing body, and shall proceed to establish and designate by ordinance, resolution or other manner, alternate or substitute sites or places as the emergency temporary location, or locations, of government where all, or any part, of the public business may be transacted and conducted during the emergency situation. Such sites or places may be within or without the territorial limits of such political subdivisions and may be within or without this state.

Sec. 2. Conduct of Public Business.—During the period when the public business is being conducted at the emergency temporary location, or locations, the governing body and other officers of a political subdivision of
this state shall have and possess and shall exercise, at
such location, or locations, all of the executive, legisla-
tive and judicial powers and functions conferred upon
such body and officers by or under the laws of this state.
Such powers and functions may be exercised in the light
of the exigencies of the emergency situation without re-
gard to or compliance with time consuming procedures
and formalities prescribed by law and pertaining thereto,
and all acts of such body and officers shall be as valid
and binding as if performed within the territorial limits
of their political subdivision.

Sec. 3. Act Controlling.—The provisions of this act
shall control and be supreme in the event it shall be
employed notwithstanding any statutory, charter or ordi-
nance provision to the contrary or in conflict herewith.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

A. Ray Parker
Chairman Senate Committee

Ethel L. Randall
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect From passage.

Howard A. McKeen
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard E. Carver
President of the Senate

Julius W. Sengleton
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 14th day of March, 1963.

[Signature]
Governor