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(By Mr. McKown)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article one, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the powers and duties of the state historian and archivist.

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

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

**Section 2. State Historian and Archivist; Duties; Annual Report; Acceptance of Gifts, Donations, Contributions, Bequests or Devises.**—The department shall be in charge of a person who shall be appointed by the gover-

5 nor for a term of four years, and who shall be known as  
6 the state historian and archivist. He shall be the cus-  
7 todian of the collections of this department and it shall  
8 be his duty to carry into operation and full effect the pro-  
9 visions of section one of this article. He shall have power  
10 and authority to adopt and establish such bylaws and  
11 regulations for its government as may seem necessary  
12 and proper to effect the objects of the department, sub-  
13 ject in all matters, however, to the approval of the gov-  
14 ernor; and he shall cause to be enforced such library rules  
15 and regulations as will aid students, readers, investiga-  
16 tors and research workers in the use of the material of  
17 the department and in the proper protection thereof. He  
18 shall employ the necessary clerical assistants and make  
19 rules and regulations for their government. He shall ar-  
20 range for the publication of such matter as the Legisla-  
21 ture may from time to time provide for printing, includ-  
22 ing the editing and publishing of a quarterly historical  
23 magazine devoted to the history, biography, bibliography  
24 and genealogy of West Virginia. He shall cause the rooms  
25 of the department to be kept open to the public daily, ex-

26 cept Sunday, from nine o'clock in the morning until five  
27 o'clock in the afternoon, throughout the year; and upon  
28 the request of the President of the Senate or the Speaker  
29 of the House of Delegates, from seven o'clock until nine  
30 o'clock in the evening during the sessions of the Legisla-  
31 ture. He shall make annually a report to the governor to  
32 be transmitted by him to the Legislature, which report  
33 shall contain a list of all the state's papers, public docu-  
34 ments, books, pamphlets, and other property belonging  
35 to the department, not theretofore published, also a state-  
36 ment of its annual accumulations, and a statement of the  
37 receipts and expenditures, accompanied by such recom-  
38 mendations as he deems best for the state's interests in  
39 said department.

40 It shall be the duty of each state official in the executive  
41 department of the state, board, commission and agency  
42 of the state, and the president or superintendent of each  
43 state institution to furnish the department of archives  
44 and history with a sufficient number of all state papers,  
45 public records, reports, documents and pamphlets, printed  
46 by the respective official, board, commission, agency and

47 institution at state expense, to supply the library of every  
48 state institution of higher learning with two copies of each  
49 such publication. The state historian and archivist shall  
50 cause two copies of each such publication to be sent to  
51 each state institution of higher learning to be deposited in  
52 the library thereof.

53 The department of archives and history shall be au-  
54 thorized and empowered, acting through the state his-  
55 torian and archivist and with the consent of the governor,  
56 to accept and receive gifts, donations, contributions, be-  
57 quests or devises of money, security or property, both real  
58 and personal, or any interest in such property, necessary  
59 and proper to effectuate the objective of the department,  
60 and said department may accept and receive same sub-  
61 ject to any terms, limitations or restrictions placed there-  
62 upon by the donor.

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

*J. Roy Parker*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Phil L. Crandall*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect *from* passage.

*Howard Meyer*  
Clerk of the Senate

*C. Blankenship*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Howard W. Carson*  
President of the Senate

*Julius W. Slaughter*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *22<sup>nd</sup>*  
day of *February*, 1963.

*W. W. Barron*  
Governor