WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1965

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 154
(By Mr. "McCoy"

PASSED March 12, 1965
In Effect upon Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
JOE F. BURDETT
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3-18-65
AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article one, chapter fifty-two of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to appointment, qualification and compensation of jury commissioners.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 3. Appointment, Qualification and Compensation of Jury Commissioners.—There shall be two jury commissioners of the circuit court of each county. They shall be of opposite politics, citizens of good standing,
residents in the county for which they are appointed, and
well-known members of the principal political parties
thereof; but the chairman of any political party shall be
ineligible to appointment, and no jury commissioner shall
be eligible to reappointment after he shall have served
two consecutive years. They shall be appointed by the
circuit court, or the judge thereof in vacation, of their
respective counties. Their term of office shall be four
years, and shall commence on the first day of June next
after their appointment. The jury commissioners ap-
pointed by the circuit court or the judge thereof, in office
when this code takes effect, shall continue in office, unless
removed, until the expiration of their respective terms
of office, and their successors shall be appointed, as afore-
said, alternately, so that a period of two years shall inter-
vene between the dates when the terms of office of the
two commissioners shall begin and expire. They may be
removed from office by the court or judge having the
power of appointment, for official misconduct, incompe-
tency, habitual drunkenness, neglect of duty or gross
immorality. Vacancies caused by death, resignation or
otherwise, shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointments. They shall receive as compensation for their services, while necessarily employed as such jury commissioners, an amount to be fixed by the judge of the circuit court, which amount for each jury commissioner shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars per year and be payable out of the county treasury upon the order of the circuit court. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, a jury commissioner shall take and subscribe, before the clerk of the circuit court, who is hereby authorized to administer the same, an oath, to be filed and preserved by him in his office, to the following effect:

State of West Virginia,

County of ______________________, to-wit:

I, A ______________________ B ______________________, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State and will faithfully discharge the duties of jury commissioner to the best of my skill and judgment, and that I will not place
any person upon the jury list in violation of law, or out
of fear, favor or affection.

There shall be two jury commissioners for every court
of limited jurisdiction, who shall be appointed by such
courts, or the judges thereof in vacation, respectively,
and whose terms of office and compensation shall be the
same as jury commissioners of the circuit courts. The
same powers conferred and duties imposed by this article
upon the circuit courts, or the judges thereof in vacation,
and upon the clerks and jury commissioners of the circuit
courts, are hereby conferred and imposed upon every
court of limited jurisdiction and the judges thereof re-
spectively, and upon the clerks and jury commissioners
of such courts of limited jurisdiction.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

C. Ray Parker
Chairman Senate Committee

James E. Leop
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect on the first day of ________ Passage.

Thomas Byrd
Clerk of the Senate

O. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Harriet W. Carson
President of the Senate

W. Caleb White
Speaker House of Delegates

The within ________ approved this the ________
day of ________, 1965.

Hullie O. Smith
Governor
Presented to Governor's Office
3/17/65
3:50 P.M.