WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1965

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 232

(By Mr. Carson, Mr. President)

PASSED March 3, 1965

In Effect Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
JOE F. BURDETT
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 2-19-65
AN ACT to amend chapter four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article three, relating to making the joint committee on government and finance a statutory body, and its powers and duties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article three, to read as follows:
Article 3. Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Section 1. Joint Committee on Government and Finance; Members; Terms.—The joint committee on government and finance, heretofore existing under a joint rule of the senate and house of delegates, is hereby continued as a statutory body. This committee shall be composed of seven members of the senate, six of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate, and seven members of the house of delegates, six of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of delegates. The six members appointed by the president of the senate shall include the majority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the chairman of the senate committee on the judiciary and the chairman of the senate committee on finance. The six members appointed by the speaker of the house of delegates shall include the majority leader of the house of delegates, the minority leader of the house of delegates, the chairman of the house committee on the judiciary and the chairman of the house committee on finance. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates shall be members of the committee.
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and co-chairmen thereof. Not more than five of the mem-
bers of the committee from each house shall be members
of the same political party. The members shall serve until
their successors shall have been appointed as heretofore
provided.

Sec. 2. Expenses of Committee; Compensation of Mem-
bors.—The expenses of the committee shall be paid from
the contingent fund of the senate and contingent fund of
the house of delegates in equal amounts. The members
of the committee shall receive no remuneration for their
services, other than actual expenses incurred in the dis-
charge of their duties hereunder as approved by the
committee.

Sec. 3. Powers and Duties.—It shall be the duty of the
committee to consider matters referred to it by legislative
resolution, and to study and survey matters of govern-
ment, finance, and claims against the state and to make a
report of its studies, findings and such recommendations
as it may deem proper and as well all expenditures of
said committee to regular annual sessions of the Legis-
lature. The committee is hereby vested with power and
authority to employ and supervise the legislative auditor, as provided in article two of this chapter; and to employ other technical and clerical personnel as may from time to time be necessary; and to establish a legislative reference library. The committee shall be vested with and authorized to exercise all powers granted such committee by legislative resolution, and the statutes and constitution of the state of West Virginia. The committee may function and exercise any power granted it either during the interim periods between sessions of the Legislature or while the Legislature is in session. The office of said committee shall be maintained at the state capitol.

Sec. 4. Securing Information; Production of Evidence.—

For the purpose of obtaining information in conjunction with the formulation of new laws or the revision of existing laws, the committee, or an employee duly authorized by the committee, shall have access to records of every agency or department of the state.

In addition, the committee, or any employee duly authorized by the committee, is empowered to hold public hearings at such times and places within the state as may
be desirable to make investigations and surveys, and
either co-chairman or any member of the committee shall
have the power to administer oaths to persons testifying
at such hearings. By subpoena, issued over the signature
of either chairman of the committee and served in the
manner provided by law, the committee may summon and
compel the attendance of witnesses and their examination
under oath and the production of all books, papers, docu-
ments and records necessary or convenient to be exam-
ined and used by the committee in the performance of its
duties. If any witness subpoenaed to appear at such hear-
ing shall refuse to appear or to answer inquiries there
propounded, or shall fail or refuse to produce books,
papers, documents or records within his or her control
when the same are demanded, the committee shall report
the facts to the circuit court of Kanawha county or any
other court of competent jurisdiction and such court may
compel obedience to the subpoena as though such sub-
poena had been issued by such court in the first instance.
Witnesses subpoenaed to attend such hearings shall be
allowed the same mileage and per diem as is allowed

witnesses before any petit jury in this state.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

O. Ray Parker
Chairman Senate Committee

James E. Leop
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect on Passage.

D. Cameron Myer
Clerk of the Senate

A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

James W. Carson
President of the Senate

H. Lamar White
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 19

day of March, 1965.

H. Charles Brown
Governor
Presented to the Governor's Office
March 18, 1965
2:40 P.M.