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HOUSE BILL No. 214

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FILED IN THE OFFICE
RICHARD D. BALDWIN
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 2-11-66
AN ACT to amend and reenact sections two and three, article two, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the appointment of inspector, other commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, troopers and civilian employees by the superintendent of the department of public safety; to companies and platoons of the department of public safety and how constituted; to training of members and other peace officers of the department of public safety; and to salaries and bonds of members of the department of public safety.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Article 2. Department of Public Safety.

Section 2. Appointment of Inspector, Other Commissioned Officers, Noncommissioned Officers, Troopers and Civilian Employees.—The superintendent shall appoint, from the enlisted membership of the department, an inspector with the rank of lieutenant colonel who shall be next in authority to the superintendent, and for the purpose of operating and maintaining the executive offices, training school, scientific laboratory, keeping records relating to crimes and criminals, coordinating traffic safety activities and maintaining a system of supplies and accounting and carrying on other necessary services, he shall appoint not more than one major, one captain, four lieutenants, two master sergeants, four sergeants, three corporals and six troopers. In addition the superintendent may appoint, from the enlisted membership of the department, not more than four other lieutenants for duties consisting of technical or scientific examina-
tion of evidence in criminal cases, but no member shall be appointed to fill these vacancies in the grade of lieutenant unless (1) he shall have completed four years' study at an accredited college or university and hold a bachelor's degree from such college or university and (2) such member shall have actually conducted numerous examinations of physical evidence in criminal cases and have been qualified in a court of record of this state to testify as an expert witness with respect thereto. The superintendent shall appoint such civilian employees as may be necessary whose salaries shall be fixed by the board of public works.

The inspector, major, captains, lieutenants, master sergeants, sergeants, corporals and troopers shall be enrolled and enlisted as members of the department of public safety and shall be entitled to wear the insignia of rank as provided by law or authorized by department regulations.

Sec. 3. Companies and Platoons and How Constituted; Training of Members and Other Peace Officers; Salaries and Bonds of Members.—The superintendent shall create,
appoint and equip a department of public safety, which shall, in addition to the personnel provided for in section two of this article, consist of four companies or platoons. They shall be designated as companies "A," "B," "C," and "D." Each company or platoon shall be composed of one captain, one lieutenant, one first sergeant, seven sergeants, not more than seventeen corporals and such number of troopers as the superintendent may decide best, but such number of troopers in any company or platoon shall not at any time be less than twenty-five nor more than sixty-five.

The superintendent shall provide adequate facilities for the training of all members of the department and shall prescribe a basic training course for newly enlisted members. He shall also provide advanced or in-service training from time to time for all members of the department. The superintendent may, in his discretion, hold training classes for other peace officers in the state without cost to such officers, except actual expenses for food, lodging and school supplies.
Members of the department shall receive salaries, as follows:

The inspector shall receive an annual salary of eight thousand eight hundred twenty dollars; the major shall receive an annual salary of seven thousand nine hundred twenty dollars; captains shall each receive an annual salary of seven thousand twenty dollars; lieutenants shall each receive an annual salary of six thousand six hundred dollars; the master sergeants and first sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of six thousand one hundred twenty dollars; sergeants shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand nine hundred sixteen dollars; corporals shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand six hundred sixteen dollars; and each newly enlisted trooper shall receive a salary of three hundred sixty-three dollars per month during the period of his basic training, and upon the satisfactory completion of such training and assignment to active duty each trooper shall receive during the remainder of his first year's service a salary of four hundred thirteen dollars monthly. During the sec-
ond year of his service in the department each
trooper shall receive an annual salary of five thou-
sand seventy-six dollars; during the third year of his
service each trooper shall receive an annual salary of
five thousand one hundred ninety-six dollars; and dur-
ing the fourth and fifth years of his service and for each
year thereafter, each trooper shall receive an annual
salary of five thousand three hundred sixteen dollars.
Each member of the department entitled thereto
by the provisions hereof shall receive an increase
in salary over that hereinbefore set forth in this
section, for grade and rank, based on length of ser-
vice, including that heretofore and hereafter served, with
the department, as follows: For each five-year period
of service with the department from the date of first
enlistment, each member of the department shall receive
a salary increase of one hundred twenty dollars per
year to be effective during his next five years of service,
which increases shall be successive and cumulative until
a total of five such increases shall be received.
In applying the foregoing salary schedule where sal-
ary increases are provided for length of service, members of the department in service at the time this article becomes effective shall be given credit for prior service and shall be paid such salaries as the same length of service will entitle them to receive under the provisions hereof.

Each member of the department of public safety, except the superintendent and civilian employees, shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute a bond with security in the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars payable to the state of West Virginia, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such, and such bond shall be approved as to form by the attorney general, and as to sufficiency by the board of public works, and the same shall be filed with the secretary of state and preserved in his office.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1966.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 15th day of February, 1966.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date  2/11/66
Time  12:45 PM