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HOUSE BILL No. 687

(By Mr. Shiflet)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section ten, article twenty, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to county dog fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 20. DOGS.

§19-20-10. Dog and kennel fund; disposition thereof.

1. All registration fees, head taxes, and fees and costs for
2. impounding and disposing of dogs, as provided in this
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3 article, and collected thereunder, shall be paid into the
4 county treasury where they shall constitute and be set
5 aside as a special fund to be designated the "dog and
6 kennel fund."
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8 The county court shall expend such fund, and issue
9 drafts payable therefrom, for the following purposes,
10 and no others: To pay the actual expenses incurred by
11 the county court, the county assessor, and the sheriff in
12 carrying out the provisions of this article; to pay for
13 the services of the dog warden, his deputies, pound-
14 keepers, and such other persons as may be employed, if
15 any, or may render services, in actually carrying out
16 the provisions of this article; to pay for the purchase,
17 procurement, rental, construction, operation, maintenance
18 and repair of any property, devices or facilities rea-
19 sonably necessary and required to carry out the provisions
20 of this article; to compensate any department of the
21 state government or any local board of health for any
22 necessary service rendered in connection with this article;
23 to pay the costs of any rabies control project or program
24 authorized by law; to compensate any persons who have
suffered loss or damage on account of the destruction,
loss, or injury by dogs of any sheep, lamb, goat, kid or
poultry, when such claims have been proved and allowed
as provided in this article: Provided, however, That
such compensation authorized by the county court shall
not exceed an amount double the assessed value of the
destroyed or injured animals or poultry as shown on the
assessor's records, and in the event such animals are
not assessed, then compensation authorized by said court
shall not exceed the average assessed value of like animals
or poultry, or if no like animal or poultry is assessed,
then not to exceed the fair market value as determined
by the county court.

In the event that the dog and kennel fund shall in any
year be insufficient to pay the several items set forth
in this section, then the county court may be, and it is
hereby, authorized and empowered to pay such items out
of the county general fund. Any surplus of the dog and
kennel fund remaining unexpended in the county treas-
ury, and, in the opinion of the county court, not needed
for the payment and satisfaction of claims and expenses
as herein provided, shall annually be paid into and credited to the county school fund, but the funds thus used shall be in an amount deemed proper and safe in the judgment and discretion of the county court.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William Tompsett  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1967.

Dr. Samuel L. Lewis  
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard B. Conover  
President of the Senate

N. Jeter White  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 1st day of March, 1966.

Hallett E. Smith  
Governor