WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1969

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 966

(By Mr. Shiflet)

PASSED March 8, 1969

In Effect July 1, 1969
AN ACT to amend article five, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty, relating to group insurance for county employees and officers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article five, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. FISCAL AFFAIRS.
§7-5-20. Group insurance programs authorized.

1 Every county through its county court shall have
plenary power and authority to negotiate for, secure and
adopt for the officers and regular employees thereof,
other than provisional, temporary, emergency and inter-
mittent employees, who are in officer or employee status
with such county on and after the effective date of this
section, a policy or policies of group insurance written by
a carrier or carriers chartered under the laws of any state
and duly licensed to do business in this state and cover-
ing life; health; hospital care; surgical or medical diag-
nosis, care and treatment; drugs and medicines; remedial
care; other medical supplies and services; or any other
combination of these; and any other policy or policies
of group insurance which in the discretion of the county
court bear a reasonable relationship to the foregoing
coverages. The provisions and terms of any such group
plan or plans of insurance shall be approved in writing
by the insurance commissioner of this state as to form,
rate and benefits.

For said group policy or policies, the county court is
hereby authorized and empowered to pay up to a maxi-
mum county payment of eighteen dollars per month for
each participating officer or employee. Whenever the above described officers or regular employees shall indicate in writing that they have subscribed to any of the aforesaid insurance plans on a group basis and the entire cost thereof is not paid by the county court, the county court is hereby authorized and empowered to make periodic premium deductions of the amount of the contribution each such subscribing officer or employee is required to make for such participation from the salary or wage payments due each such subscribing officer or employee as specified in a written assignment furnished to the county clerk by each such subscribing officer or employee.

When a participating officer or employee shall retire from his office or employment, he may, if he so elects and the insurance carrier or carriers agree, remain a member of the group plan by paying the entire premium for the coverage involved.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William Tempel
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Ramey
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1969.

J. Howard Heerman
Clerk of the Senate

O.R. Blakesley
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Hollis E. Jackson
President of the Senate

Lawrence M. Rowe
Speaker House of Delegates

The within.......................this the 17th day of March........................., 1969.

Archibald R. Rowe Jr.
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/13/69

Time 3:15 p.m.