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HOUSE BILL No. 884

(By Mr. Rogerson and Mr. Polen)



PASSED Feb. 28, 1969

In Effect thirty days from Passage



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[Passed February 28, 1969; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article four, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to salary of investigator of Marshall county; rewards; detection of crime.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

**ARTICLE 4. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, REWARDS AND LEGAL  
ADVICE.**

**§7-4-2. Rewards; detection of crime; bounties.**

1 The prosecuting attorney of any county, with the ap-

2 proval of the county court, or of the governor, or of the  
3 court of the county vested with authority to try crim-  
4 inal offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation, may,  
5 within his discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension  
6 of persons charged with crime, or may expend money  
7 for the detection of crime. Any money expended under  
8 this section shall, when approved by the prosecuting  
9 attorney, be paid out of the county fund, in the same  
10 manner as other county expenses are paid. The county  
11 court may also offer reasonable bounties and rewards  
12 for the destruction of noxious animals, birds of prey,  
13 or weeds in the county, payable out of the county  
14 treasury: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein shall  
15 permit or give to the prosecuting attorney of any county,  
16 having a population according to the last official census  
17 of sixty thousand or less, the right to appoint a  
18 full-time investigator or detector of crime, or to expend  
19 any money for the investigation of any crime committed  
20 in his county beyond the actual expenses of the  
21 investigation of said crime, except in the county of  
22 Wyoming, the prosecuting attorney with the consent of

23 the circuit judge and the county court therein, may  
24 appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual  
25 salary of not less than one thousand two hundred  
26 dollars nor more than twenty-four hundred dollars, and  
27 actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these  
28 limits by the county court; except further in the county  
29 of Wayne, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an  
30 investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of  
31 not less than thirty-six hundred dollars nor more than  
32 forty-eight hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the  
33 salary within these limits to be fixed by the county  
34 court; except further in the county of Lincoln, the prose-  
35 cuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime  
36 to be paid an annual salary of not less than one thou-  
37 sand two hundred dollars nor more than two thousand  
38 four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary  
39 within these limits to be fixed by the prosecuting attorney;  
40 except further in the county of Mason, the prosecuting  
41 attorney with the consent of the county court or the  
42 circuit judge, may appoint an investigator of crime to  
43 be paid a salary of not less than one hundred dollars

44 nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and  
45 actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these  
46 limits by the county court; except further in the county  
47 of Marshall, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an  
48 investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary to be  
49 fixed by the county court and actual expenses.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William Tompos  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Thomas Myers  
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President of the Senate

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The within appeared this the 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 1969.

Arch. A. Moore, Jr.  
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