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HOUSE BILL No. 592

(By Mr. Rollins)

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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 rewards, detection of crime and bounties.

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 approval of the county court, or of the governor, or of the court of the county vested with authority to try criminal offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation,
may, within his discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of persons charged with crime, or may expend money for the detection of crime. Any money expended under this section shall, when approved by the prosecuting attorney, be paid out of the county fund, in the same manner as other county expenses are paid. The county court may also offer reasonable bounties and rewards for the destruction of noxious animals, birds of prey, or weeds in the county, payable out of the county treasury: Provided, however, That nothing herein shall permit or give to the prosecuting attorney of any county, having a population according to the last official census of forty-five thousand or less, the right to appoint a full-time investigator or detector of crime, or to expend any money for the investigation of any crime committed in his county beyond the actual expenses of the investigation of said crime, except in the county of Wyoming, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than one thousand two hundred dollars nor more than twenty-four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary to be
fixed within these limits by the county court; except further in the county of Wayne; the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than thirty-six hundred dollars nor more than six thousand dollars, and actual expenses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by the county court; except further in the county of Lincoln; the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than one thousand two hundred dollars nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary within these limits to be fixed by the prosecuting attorney; except further in the county of Mason, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid a salary of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these limits by the county court; except further in the county of Marshall, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an annual salary to be fixed by the county court and actual expenses.
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 from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 13th day of February, 1971.

Governor