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HOUSE BILL No. 592

(By Mr. ROLLINS)



PASSED FEBRUARY 9, 1971

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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  
2 approval of the county court, or of the governor, or of  
3 the court of the county vested with authority to try  
4 criminal offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation,

5 may, within his discretion, offer rewards for the appre-  
6 hension of persons charged with crime, or may expend  
7 money for the detection of crime. Any money expended  
8 under this section shall, when approved by the prose-  
9 cuting attorney, be paid out of the county fund, in the  
10 same manner as other county expenses are paid. The  
11 county court may also offer reasonable bounties and  
12 rewards for the destruction of noxious animals, birds of  
13 prey, 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 forty-five thousand or less, the right to appoint a full-  
18 time investigator or detector of crime, or to expend any  
19 money for the investigation of any crime committed in his  
20 county beyond the actual expenses of the investigation  
21 of said crime, except in the county of Wyoming, the  
22 prosecuting attorney may appoint an investigator of  
23 crime to be paid an annual salary of not less than one  
24 thousand two hundred dollars nor more than twenty-four  
25 hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary to be

26 fixed within these limits by the county court; except  
27 further in the county of Wayne; the prosecuting attor-  
28 ney may appoint an investigator of crime to be paid an  
29 annual salary of not less than thirty-six hundred dollars  
30 nor more than six thousand dollars, and actual expenses,  
31 the salary within these limits to be fixed by the county  
32 court; except further in the county of Lincoln; the prose-  
33 cuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime <sup>2</sup>  
34 to be paid an annual salary of not less than one thou-  
35 sand two hundred dollars nor more than two thousand  
36 four hundred dollars, and actual expenses, the salary  
37 within these limits to be fixed by the prosecuting attor-  
38 ney; except further in the county of Mason, the prose-  
39 cuting attorney may appoint an investigator of crime  
40 to be paid a salary of not less than one hundred dollars  
41 nor more than two thousand four hundred dollars and  
42 actual expenses, the salary to be fixed within these limits  
43 by the county court; except further in the county of Mar-  
44 shall, the prosecuting attorney may appoint an investiga-  
45 tor of crime to be paid an annual salary to be fixed by  
46 the county court and actual expenses.

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

*Samuel M. Beall*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Phyllis R. Rutledge*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

*John M. Meyer*  
Clerk of the Senate

*W. A. Blankenship*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*E. Brooke*  
President of the Senate

*Joe F. Bowers*  
Speaker House of Delegates

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

*Richard S. Roode Jr.*  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
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