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# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1973

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HOUSE BILL No. 990

(By Mr. McManus)

PASSED April 12, 1973

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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FILED IN THE OFFICE  
EDGAR F. HEISKELL III  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
THIS DATE 5/1/73

Veto 990

**ENROLLED**

**House Bill No. 990**

(By MR. SPEAKER, MR. MCMANUS)

[Passed April 12, 1973; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirty-four, article five, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to reports of divorce and annulments of marriage.

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

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

**ARTICLE 5. VITAL STATISTICS.**

**§16-5-34. Registration of divorces and annulments of marriages.**

1 The clerk of every court of record having jurisdiction of  
2 actions for divorce or annulment of marriage shall for each  
3 divorce and annulment of marriage granted by such court  
4 prepare and file with the state registrar of vital statistics a  
5 report on a form prescribed by the state registrar. The informa-  
6 tion necessary to prepare the report shall be furnished with  
7 the complaint of the plaintiff or his legal representative at  
8 any time before the entry of a final decree.

9 At any time after the filing of the complaint, the de-  
10 fendant may also furnish such information whether or not  
11 it has been first furnished by the plaintiff. The clerk shall  
12 take all steps required of him in the action, whether or not

13 such information has been furnished, but the clerk shall  
14 advise the court, at the time set for any hearing, if at such  
15 time no party has furnished such information. In such cases,  
16 the court may decline to hear any matter encompassed within  
17 the action if good cause for such failure to furnish such  
18 information has not been shown.

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

H. Darrel Darby  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Chintun Jr.  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Howard W. Carson  
Clerk of the Senate

V. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

H. J. Brotherton  
President of the Senate

Lewis F. K. Barnes  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within disapproved this the 24th  
day of April, 1973.

Arch A. Thayer Jr.  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 4/24/73

Time 2:34 p.m.