WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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SENATE BILL NO. 357

(By Mr. Benson)

PASSED March 26, 1974

In Effect ninety days from Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE
EDGAR F. HEISKELL III
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3/29/74
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Senate Bill No. 357
(By Mr. Benson)

[Passed March 6, 1974; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section fourteen, article two, chapter fifty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to eminent domain generally; and eliminating the right of the state or a political subdivision in an eminent domain proceeding to continue such proceeding until after a reasonable time has elapsed for completion of work upon the property in question.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 2. PROCEDURE.

§54-2-14. Entry by state or its political subdivisions.

1 If the applicant be the state of West Virginia, or any political subdivision thereof, on filing its petition as authorized in this article, and if the court or judge is satisfied that the purpose for which the land or property is sought to be condemned is a public use for which private property may be appropriated on compensating the owner, the court or judge shall, at the request of the applicant, make an order permitting the applicant at once to enter upon, take possession, appropriate and use the land sought to be condemned for the purposes stated
in the petition. The revenues applicable to the payment of any damages or compensation to which the owner is entitled, and which shall be awarded or assessed in his favor, shall be deemed sufficient security and to have been pledged for such payment, and no bond or further security shall be required of the applicant.

If the applicant shall enter upon or take possession of property under the authority of this section, and shall do any work thereon and injure such land or property, it shall not be entitled, without the consent of the defendant, to abandon the proceedings for the condemnation thereof, but such proceedings shall proceed to final award or judgment, and the applicant shall pay to the owner of the land the amount of compensation and damages as finally determined in such proceedings, with interest at six percent from the date of the actual entry upon the land so taken.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

K. Dero D. Derby  
Chairman Senate Committee  

Chairman House Committee  

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Howard W. Cannon  
Clerk of the Senate  

Clerk of the House of Delegates  

W.T. Brenton, Jr.  
President of the Senate  

Lewis F. M. Ramseur  
Speaker House of Delegates  

The within disappeared this the 26th day of March, 1974.

A. W. Pharr, Jr.  
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE 
GOVERNOR 
 
Date 3/1/14 
Time 3:50 p.m.