WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1974

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 473

(By Mr. Agenson)

PASSED April 9, 1974

In Effect 40 days from Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE
EDGAR F. HEISKELL III
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3-18-74
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 prosecuting attorneys hiring investigators 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 for apprehension of persons charged with crime and expenditure of money for detection of crime; appointment of investigators of crime.

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: Provided, That the prosecuting attorneys of the several counties of the state may, with the approval of the county courts of their respective counties, entered of record, appoint to assist them in the dis-
charge of their official duties, trained and qualified full-
time or part-time investigators of crime. Such investiga-
tors shall accept no other public employment or employ-
ment in a private police or investigative capacity during
the term of their appointment and shall be paid such sal-
ary and expenses as may be fixed by the county court.
Such expenses shall be itemized and sworn to by the in-
vestigator upon presentation to the county court.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the
contrary, the prosecuting attorney of any county, with the
consent of the judge of the court of competent jurisdiction
and the county court, may appoint an investigator of crime
who need not be a resident of this state.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days 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 10th day of March, 1974.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/13/74
Time 2:20 p.m.