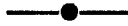


WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1974



ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 473

(By Mr. Rogerson)



PASSED March 9, 1974

In Effect Thirty Days From Passage



FILED IN THE OFFICE
EDGAR F. WEISKELL III
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3-18-74

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Senate Bill No. 473

(By MR. ROGERSON)

[Passed March 9, 1974; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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 ap-
2 proval of the county court, or of the governor, or of the
3 court of the county vested with authority to try criminal
4 offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation, may, within
5 his discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of per-
6 sons charged with crime, or may expend money for the
7 detection of crime. Any money expended under this sec-
8 tion shall, when approved by the prosecuting attorney, be
9 paid out of the county fund, in the same manner as other
10 county expenses are paid: *Provided*, That the prosecuting
11 attorneys of the several counties of the state may, with
12 the approval of the county courts of their respective coun-
13 ties, entered of record, appoint to assist them in the dis-

14 charge of their official duties, trained and qualified full-
15 time or part-time investigators of crime. Such investiga-
16 tors shall accept no other public employment or employ-
17 ment in a private police or investigative capacity during
18 the term of their appointment and shall be paid such sal-
19 ary and expenses as may be fixed by the county court.
20 Such expenses shall be itemized and sworn to by the in-
21 vestigator upon presentation to the county court.

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the
23 contrary, the prosecuting attorney of any county, with the
24 consent of the judge of the court of competent jurisdiction
25 and the county court, may appoint an investigator of crime
26 who need not be a resident of this state.

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

H. Laurel Hardy
Chairman Senate Committee

Howard C. Chambers
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Harold W. Carson
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

H. P. Brotherton, Jr.
President of the Senate

Lewis J. McKeane
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 18th
day of March, 1974.

Archie P. Hare, Jr.
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/13/74

Time 2:20 p.m.