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ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
HOUSE BILL No. 1547

(By Mr. Grunty)

PASSED April 8, 1977
In Effect ninety days from Passage
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
H. B. 1547
(By Mr. Prunty)

(Originating in the House Committee on Education)

[Passed April 8, 1977; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article twenty-six, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-five, relating to tenure of position with respect to tenured professional and other teaching personnel at higher educational institutions; tenure of position; insuring tenure when on leave to accept governmental appointments.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article twenty-six, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-five, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF REGENTS.
§18-26-25. Leave of absence for governmental service.

1 Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, any tenured professional or other teaching personnel at any
higher educational institution subject to the control and supervision of the West Virginia board of regents, who shall, with the consent of the governing authority of the higher educational institutions by which he is employed, absent himself from his duties at such institution to accept employment in any nonelected governmental capacity shall be afforded such benefits of academic tenure, rank and position as if such person had remained continuously in the position retained and held at such higher educational institutions immediately preceding any such absence: Provided, That in no event shall such leave of absence exceed four years: Provided, however, That any individual who remains in governmental employment which exceeds the limitations imposed by this section shall forfeit all rights to academic tenure, rank and position formerly held by him at such institution.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

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Takes effect ninety days from passage.

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The within is approved this the 24th day of April, 1977.

John R. Dalton  
Governor