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SENATE BILL NO. 391

(By Mr. Gainer)



PASSED April 8, 1977

In Effect from Passage



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight, article one, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to authorizing director of department of natural resources to appoint two deputy directors.

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

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

**ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.**

**§20-1-8. Personnel management.**

1 A merit system of personnel management shall be  
2 established and maintained for all personnel of the de-  
3 partment in order to insure and provide for impartial  
4 selection of competent and qualified personnel and to  
5 accord to all department employees rights of tenure and  
6 advancement during satisfactory discharge of their duties.

7 In lieu of establishment of a merit system of personnel  
8 management for the department, the director may resort  
9 to and rely upon the civil service commission and civil  
10 service system for personnel and personnel services of the  
11 department.

12 The director may select a personal secretary and two  
13 deputy directors of the department to serve at the di-  
14 rector's will and pleasure. The director shall fix the  
15 compensation of the secretary and the two deputy di-  
16 rectors and shall prescribe their duties and responsi-  
17 bilities. The director, the secretary and the two deputy

18 directors shall not have and enjoy merit system status,  
19 as herein provided, but any deputy director, when  
20 selected from department personnel ranks, shall retain  
21 and be accorded all of the rights of his merit system  
22 status regardless of his selection and tenure as deputy  
23 director.

24 The director shall select and designate a competent  
25 and qualified person as department personnel officer who  
26 shall be responsible for personnel management, person-  
27 nel records and general personnel services. The per-  
28 sonnel officer, under supervision of the director and  
29 subject to merit system rules, regulations and require-  
30 ments, shall prescribe qualifications, classifications and  
31 salary scales for department personnel. He shall furnish  
32 to the director information and data relating to qualified  
33 personnel available for the various offices, positions and  
34 places of employment and may make recommendations  
35 concerning the selection, retention and advancement of  
36 personnel of the department.

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

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Blair C. Chestnut  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect from passage.

J. Willon, Jr.  
Clerk of the Senate

L. A. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

St. B. Bolivar  
President of the Senate

Donald L. Kopp  
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Paul D. Rhyne  
Governor



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