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SENATE BILL NO. 288

(By Mr. Palumbo)



PASSED March 9, 1979

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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AN ACT to amend article one, chapter four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-one, relating to allowing members and members-elect of the Legislature to prefile bills and resolutions; numbering and referral of prefled bills and resolutions; duplication and distribution of prefled bills and resolutions; prefled bills and resolutions not subject to withdrawal or amendment prior to formal introduction; and preparation of prefled bills and resolutions for formal introduction.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article one, chapter four 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-one, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES; APPROPRIATIONS; INVESTIGATIONS; DISPLAY OF FLAGS; RECORDS; USE OF CAPITOL BUILDING; PREFILING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

§4-1-21. Prefiling of bills and resolutions.

1 (a) Within the thirty-day period immediately preced-
2 ing the convening of the Legislature for commencement
3 of a regular session thereof, any proposed bill or resolu-
4 tion may be prefled by any member of the Legislature
5 or by any person who has been elected or appointed to
6 serve as a member of the Legislature but who has not
7 yet been administered the oath of office. Such proposed
8 bills or resolutions shall be filed with the clerk of the
9 house in which the member or person will serve during

10 the following regular session not later than the day
11 preceding the opening of such session: *Provided, That*
12 nothing herein shall affect a member's right to introduce
13 a bill or resolution in accord with the rules of the house
14 of which he is a member.

15 (b) In addition to such number of copies of bills as
16 may be required to be presented for introduction by the
17 rules of the respective houses, all bills or resolutions
18 prefiled shall have two additional copies appended. After
19 numbering such bills or resolutions and editing and cor-
20 recting them as to form, as may be required by the rules
21 of the respective houses, the appropriate clerk shall make
22 a tentative referral to the appropriate committee of the
23 house, forwarding two copies thereof to the committee.
24 Prior to making such tentative referral, the clerk shall
25 confer with the presiding officer of the appropriate house
26 if such presiding officer is available and make such re-
27 ferral as such presiding officer shall direct. Upon the
28 commencement of the session of the Legislature, the
29 clerk, upon ratification by the appropriate presiding offi-
30 cer of the tentative referral, shall proceed with the formal
31 introduction of prefiled bills or resolutions according to
32 the method of introducing bills as may be provided by
33 the rules of the respective houses.

34 (c) Copies of prefiled bills and resolutions shall be
35 mailed to any member and each member-elect of the
36 Legislature requesting the same and reasonable quantities
37 shall be made available to the public and the news media.

38 (d) Once a bill or resolution is prefiled as herein pro-
39 vided, it may not be withdrawn or amended prior to its
40 formal introduction unless the rules of the house involved
41 otherwise direct.

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

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Laurence L. Chestnut Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

J. H. Keenan Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. H. B. [Signature]
President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 24
day of March, 1979.

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Governor



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