WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1980

ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 157

(By Mr. Rollins)

PASSED March 7, 1980
In Effect ninety days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight, article twenty, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to permitting the county commissions to set the costs and fees for seized and impounded dogs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 20. DOGS.

§19-20-8. Impounding and disposition of dogs; costs and fees.

1 All dogs seized and impounded as provided in this article, except dogs taken into custody under section two of this article, shall be kept housed and fed in the county dog pound for five days after notice of seizure and impounding shall have been given or posted as required by this article, at the expiration of which time all dogs which have not previously been redeemed by their owners as herein provided, shall be sold or humanely destroyed. No dog sold as herein provided shall be discharged from the pound until such dog shall have been registered and provided with a valid registration tag.

12 The owner, keeper or harborer of any dog seized and impounded under the provisions of this article may, at any time prior to the expiration of five days from the time that notice of the seizure and impounding of the
dog shall have been given or posted as required by this article, redeem the same by paying to the dog warden or his authorized agent or deputy all of the costs assessed against such dog, and by providing a valid certificate of registration tag for such dog.

Reasonable costs and fees, in such amount as may be determined from time to time by the county commission, shall be assessed against every dog seized and impounded under the provisions of this article, except dogs taken into custody under section two of this article. Such cost shall be a valid claim in favor of the county against the owner, keeper or harborer of any dog seized and impounded under the provisions of this article and not redeemed or sold as herein provided, and such costs shall be recovered by the sheriff in a civil action against such owner, keeper or harborer.

A record of all dogs impounded, the disposition of such dogs, and a statement of costs assessed against each dog shall be kept by the dog warden and a transcript thereof shall be furnished to the sheriff quarterly.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence E. Colvin  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Josh F.Vectis  
Clerk of the Senate

A.Wilson Harris  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

C. B. Domey Jr.  
President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 21 day of March 1980.  

John R. Davis  
Governor