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**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**  
**REGULAR SESSION, 1980**



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**SENATE BILL NO. 284**

(By Mr. Jones)



PASSED March 8, 1980

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AN ACT to amend article four, chapter fifty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section four-a, relating to the appearance of parties in magistrate court by agent or attorney.

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

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

### **ARTICLE 4. PROCEDURE BEFORE TRIAL.**

#### **§50-4-4a. Appearance in civil cases.**

1 Any party to a civil action in a magistrate court may  
2 appear and conduct such action in person, by agent or by  
3 attorney. Appearance by an agent or attorney shall have  
4 the same effect as appearance by the party represented,  
5 and the appearance by an agent shall not constitute the  
6 unlawful practice of law. No magistrate may act as  
7 such agent or attorney.

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

James L. Lewis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Laurence C. Thurston Jr  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Todd C. Wick  
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

H. G. [Signature]  
President of the Senate

Clayton M. Lee Jr  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 26  
day of March, 1980.

[Signature]  
Governor



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