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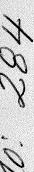
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## Senate Bill No. 284

(By Mr. Jones)

[Passed March 8, 1980; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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.  Chairman Senate Committee
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