WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1981

ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 282
(By Mr. and R. Gillan)

PASSED April 9, 1981
In Effect July 1, 1981
AN ACT to amend and reenact sections four, five, six, seven and eight, article two, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to continuing the state geological and economic survey without the geological and economic survey commission, giving the governor power to appoint the director of the survey and allowing the director to hire employees, prepare reports and distribute or sell them.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
That sections four, five, six, seven and eight, article two, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. GEODETIC AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

§29-2-4. State geological and economic survey; director.
1 The state geological and economic survey, heretofore established, shall be continued. The governor shall appoint as director of the survey a geologist of established reputation.
2 The director may employ such assistants and employees as he may deem necessary. He shall also determine the compensation of all persons employed by the survey, and
3 may remove them at pleasure.
§29-2-5. Objects of survey.

The survey shall have for its objects:

(a) An examination of the geological formations of the state, with special reference to their economic products, namely: Building stones and other constructive materials and resources, clays, ores and other mineral substances and fuels, the prevention of their waste, and the utilization of by-products;

(b) An examination of the physical features of the state with reference to their practical bearing upon the occupations of the people, the industrial development and the material prosperity of the several portions of the state, having due regard to their varying resources, conditions and needs;

(c) The preparation of special geological and economic maps to illustrate the resources of the state;

(d) The preparation of special reports, with necessary illustrations and maps, which shall embrace both a general and detailed description of the geology and natural resources of the state;

(e) The consideration of such other scientific and economic questions as in the judgment of the director shall be deemed of value to the people of the state. The director may enter into cooperative agreements, grants and contracts and establish accounts for such purposes.

§20-2-6. Reports to Legislature.

The director shall cause to be prepared a report to the Legislature before each meeting of the same, showing the progress and condition of the survey, together with such other information as he may deem necessary and useful or as the Legislature may require.

§29-2-7. Distribution of reports.

The regular and special reports of the survey, with proper illustrations and maps, shall be printed as the director may direct, and the reports shall be distributed or sold by the director as the interests of the state, the diffusion of practical information relating to the development of the state, and the advancement of science, may demand. All moneys obtained by the sales of the reports may be used to defray the costs of publication and their distribution to the people and any balance may be retained for that purpose.
1 All materials collected, after having served the purpose of
2 the survey, shall be distributed by the director to the
3 educational institutions in such manner as to be of the
4 greatest advantage to the educational interests of the state. If
5 deemed advisable, all or part of such material may be put on
6 permanent exhibition or otherwise disposed of in an
7 appropriate manner.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

R. P. Beverly  
Chairman Senate Committee  

Tony E. Whitlow  
Chairman House Committee  

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1981.

J. E. Willis  
Clerk of the Senate  

C. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates  

R. P. Beverly  
President of the Senate  

J. B. Miller  
Speaker House of Delegates  

The within____________________this the______

day of____________________April, 1981.

J. B. Beverly  
Governor