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SENATE BILL NO. 12

(By Mr. Williams)

PASSED May 14, 1981

In Effect July 1, 1981

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

Senate Bill No. 12

(MR. WILLIAMS, *original sponsor*)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections ten-a and seventeen, article one, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to amend and reenact section thirteen, article two of said chapter fifty-one, relating to increasing the salaries of justices of the supreme court of appeals; providing for development of a system of reporting by justices and judges as to the actual amount of time including travel time spent by each justice or judge in the conduct of his official duties in court; and increasing the salaries of judges of circuit courts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections ten-a and seventeen, article one, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that section thirteen, article two of said chapter fifty-one be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.

§51-1-10a. Salary of justices.

- 1 The salary of each of the justices of the supreme court of
- 2 appeals shall be forty-nine thousand dollars per year.

§51-1-17. Administrative office of supreme court of appeals—Duties of director.

- 1 The director shall, when authorized by the supreme court of
- 2 appeals, be the administrative officer of said court and shall
- 3 have charge, under the supervision and direction of the
- 4 supreme court of appeals, of:

- 5 (a) All administrative matters relating to the offices of the
- 6 clerks of the circuit and intermediary courts and of the offices
- 7 of justice of the peace, and all other clerical and
- 8 administrative personnel of said courts; but nothing
- 9 contained in this act shall be construed as affecting the
- 10 authority of the courts to appoint their administrative or
- 11 clerical personnel;

- 12 (b) Examining the state of the dockets of the various
- 13 courts and securing information as to their needs for
- 14 assistance, if any, and the preparation of statistical data and
- 15 reports of the business transacted by the courts, including, as
- 16 an integral part of the compensation of justices and judges,
- 17 the development of a system of reporting by justices and
- 18 judges as to the actual amount of time, including travel time,
- 19 spent by each justice or judge in the conduct of his official
- 20 duties in court;

- 21 (c) The preparation of a proper budget to secure the
- 22 appropriation of moneys for the maintenance, support and
- 23 operation of the courts;

- 24 (d) The purchase, exchange, transfer and distribution of
- 25 equipment and supplies, as may be needful or desirable;

- 26 (e) Such other matters as may be assigned to him by the
- 27 supreme court of appeals. The clerks of the circuit courts,
- 28 intermediate courts and courts of the justices of the peace
- 29 shall comply with any and all requests made by the director
- 30 or his assistants for information and statistical data bearing
- 31 on the state of the dockets of such courts, or such other
- 32 information as may reflect the business transacted by them;

- 33 (f) *Annual report of activities and estimates of*
- 34 *expenditures.*—The director, when required to do so by the
- 35 supreme court of appeals, shall submit annually to the court a
- 36 report of the activities of the administrative office and of the

37 state of business of the courts, together with the statistical
38 data compiled by him, with his recommendations.

ARTICLE 2. CIRCUIT COURTS; CIRCUIT JUDGES.

§51-2-13. Salaries of judges of circuit courts.

- 1 The salaries of the judges of the various circuit courts shall
- 2 be paid solely out of the state treasury. No county, county
- 3 commission, board of commissioners or other political
- 4 subdivision shall supplement or add to such salaries.
- 5 The annual salary of all circuit judges shall be forty-five
- 6 thousand dollars per year.

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

R. P. Baylark
Chairman Senate Committee

Jonny E. Whitlaw
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1981.

Isaac C. Willis
Clerk of the Senate

Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

James R. McSwain
President of the Senate

Clayton H. See, Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *27*

day of *May*, 1981.

James R. McSwain
Governor

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