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Senate Bill No. 80

(Senators Holliday and Tonkovich, Mr. President, original sponsors)

[Passed March 14, 1987; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article three, chapter five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the attorney general prosecuting crimes committed by persons incarcerated in state institutions of corrections when requested by a prosecuting attorney and upon approval by the circuit court or a justice of the supreme court.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 3. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

- §5-3-2. Act as counsel for state; duties and powers as to prosecuting attorneys; defense of national guardsmen.
 - 1 The attorney general shall appear as counsel for the state
 - 2 in all causes pending in the supreme court of appeals, or in
 - 3 any federal court, in which the state is interested; he shall

appear in any cause in which the state is interested that is 5 pending in any other court in the state, on the written request of the governor, and when such appearance is entered he shall take charge of and have control of such 8 cause; he shall defend all actions and proceedings against any state officer in his official capacity in any of the courts 10 of this state or any of the federal courts when the state is not 11 interested in such cause against such officer, but should the 12 state be interested against such officer, he shall appear for 13 the state; he shall institute and prosecute all civil actions and proceedings in favor of or for the use of the state which 15 may be necessary in the execution of the official duties of 16 any state officer, board or commission on the written 17 request of such officer, board or commission; he shall, when 18 requested by the prosecuting attorney of a county wherein a state institution of correction is located, provide attorneys for appointment as special prosecuting attorneys to assist 21 the prosecuting attorney of said county in the prosecution 22 of criminal proceedings when, in the opinion of the circuit 23 judge of said county, or a justice of the West Virginia supreme court of appeals, extraordinary circumstances exist at said institution which render the financial 26 resources of the office of the prosecuting attorney 27 inadequate to prosecute said cases; he may consult with and 28 advise the several prosecuting attorneys in matters relating to the official duties of their office, and may require a written report from them of the state and condition of the 31 several causes, in which the state is a party, pending in the 32 courts of their respective counties; he may require the 33 several prosecuting attorneys to perform, within the 34 respective counties in which they are elected, any of the 35 legal duties required to be performed by the attorney 36 general which are not inconsistent with the duties of the 37 prosecuting attorneys as the legal representatives of their 38 respective counties; when the performance of any such 39 duties by the prosecuting attorney conflicts with his duties 40 as the legal representative of his county, or for any reason 41 any prosecuting attorney is disqualified from performing 42 such duties, the attorney general may require the 43 prosecuting attorney of any other county to perform such 44 duties in any county other than that in which such prosecuting attorney is elected and for the performance of 45 which duties outside of the county in which he is elected the prosecuting attorney shall be paid his actual traveling and other expenses out of the appropriation for contingent expenses for the department for which such services are rendered; the attorney general shall keep in proper books, a register of all causes prosecuted or defended by him in behalf of the state or its officers and of the proceedings had in relation thereto, and deliver the same to his successor in office; and he shall preserve in his office all his official opinions and publish the same in his biennial report.

Upon request of any member of the West Virginia national guard who has been named defendant in any civil action arising out of that guardsman's action while under orders from the governor relating to national guard assistance in disasters and civil disorders, the attorney general shall appear as counsel for and represent such guardsman.

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

Chairman Senate Committee

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