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# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1989



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HOUSE BILL No. 2287

(By ~~MR~~ Delegate Love )



Passed April 6 1989

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage

**ENROLLED**  
**H. B. 2287**

(By DELEGATE LOVE)

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[Passed April 6, 1989; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article ten, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the appointment of deputy sheriffs or dog wardens as humane officers.

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

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

**ARTICLE 10. HUMANE OFFICERS.**

**§7-10-1. Deputy sheriffs as humane officers.**

1     The sheriff of each county of this state shall annually  
2     designate, by a record made in the office of the clerk  
3     of the county commission, one of his deputies to  
4     act as humane officer of such county: *Provided, That, if*  
5     the county commission and sheriff agree, they may in  
6     the alternative designate the county dog warden to act  
7     as the humane officer; and it shall be the duty of the  
8     person so designated to act as humane officer as well  
9     as all peace officers as designated by law, to investigate  
10    all complaints made to him of cruel or inhuman  
11    treatment of animals within his county, and to person-  
12    ally see that the law relating to the prevention of cruelty  
13    to animals is enforced; and failure to investigate any  
14    complaint made to him and to take proper measures in

15 such case or to perform his duty in any other respect  
16 shall constitute good cause for removal from office.

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

*Frederick L. Parker*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Bernard V. Kelly*  
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

*Paul C. Walls*  
Clerk of the Senate

*Donald L. Hoop*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Lawrence*  
President of the Senate

*Robert*  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *24th*  
day of *April*, 1989.

*Gaston Caperton*  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 4/24/89

Time 5:10