WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1989

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HOUSE BILL No. 2287

(By Delegate Love)

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Passed April 6, 1989

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
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 designate, by a record made in the office of the clerk of the county commission, one of his deputies to act as humane officer of such county: Provided, That, if the county commission and sheriff agree, they may in the alternative designate the county dog warden to act as the humane officer; and it shall be the duty of the person so designated to act as humane officer as well as all peace officers as designated by law, to investigate all complaints made to him of cruel or inhuman treatment of animals within his county, and to personally see that the law relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals is enforced; and failure to investigate any 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.

Jed C. Wells  
Clerk of the Senate

Donald L. Hogg  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Robert C. Chafin  
President of the Senate

Robert C. Chafin  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within...this the 34th  
day of April, 1989.  
Governor

Gaston Caperton