WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1991

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HOUSE BILL No. 2544

(By Mr. Del Damon & Beach)

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Passed March 7, 1991

In Effect From Passage
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H. B. 2544

(By Delegates Damron and Beach)

[Passed March 7, 1991; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article four, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to full-time investigators of crime.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, article four, 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 4. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, REWARDS AND LEGAL ADVICE.

§7-4-2. Rewards for apprehension of persons charged with crime and expenditure of money for detection of crime; appointment of investigators of crime.

The prosecuting attorney of any county, with the approval of the county commission, or of the governor, or of the court of the county vested with authority to try criminal offenses, or of the judge thereof in vacation, may, within his discretion, offer rewards for the apprehension of persons charged with crime, or may expend money for the detection of crime. Any money expended under this section shall, when approved by the prosecuting attorney, be paid out of the county fund, in the same manner as other county expenses are paid:

Provided, That the prosecuting attorneys of the several
12 counties of the state may, with the approval of the
13 county commissions of their respective counties, entered
14 of record, appoint to assist them in the discharge of their
15 official duties, trained and qualified full-time or part-
16 time investigators of crime. Such full-time investigators
17 shall accept no other public employment or employment
18 in a private police or investigative capacity during the
19 term of their appointment and shall be paid such salary
20 and expenses as may be fixed by the county commission.
21 Such expenses shall be itemized and sworn to by the
22 investigator upon presentation to the county
23 commission.
24 Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to
25 the contrary, the prosecuting attorney of any county,
26 with the consent of the judge of the court of competent
27 jurisdiction and the county commission, may appoint an
28 investigator of crime who need not be a resident of this
29 state.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Homer Heck
Chairman Senate Committee

Ernest Moore
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Darrell E. Hollins
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 27th day of November, 1991.

Yaster Caperton
Governor