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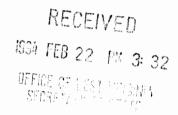
**REGULAR SESSION, 1994** 

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SENATE BILL NO. 84

(By Senators Holliday and Boley)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article twelve, chapter forty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to continuation of the real estate commission; and changing expense reimbursement of commission members.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 12. REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS.

- §47-12-3. Commission created; powers generally; membership; appointment and removal of members; qualifications; terms; organization; salaries and expenses; executive director and assistants; seal; admissibility of and inspection of records; termination of commission.
  - 1 There shall be a commission known as the "West
  - 2 Virginia Real Estate Commission", which commission

shall be a corporation and as such may sue and be sued, 4 may contract and be contracted with and shall have a 5 common seal. The commission shall consist of three persons to be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Two of such appointees 8 each shall have been a resident and a citizen of this state for at least six years prior to his or her appointment and 9 whose vocation for at least ten years shall have been that 10 11 of a real estate broker or real estate salesperson and the 12 third shall be a representative of the public generally. 13 Members in office on the date this section becomes 14 effective shall continue in office until their respective 15 terms expire. The term of the members of said commis-16 sion shall be for four years and until their successors are 17 appointed and qualify. No more than two members of 18 such commission shall belong to the same political party. 19 No member shall be a candidate for or hold any other 20 public office or be a member of any political committee 21 while acting as such commissioner. In case any commis-22 sioner be a candidate for or hold any other public office 23 or be a member of any political committee, his or her 24 office as such commissioner shall ipso facto be vacated. 25 Members to fill vacancies shall be appointed by the governor for the unexpired term. No member may be 26 removed from office by the governor except for official 28 misconduct, incompetency, neglect of duty, gross 29 immorality or other good cause shown and then only in 30 the manner prescribed by law for the removal by the 31 governor of state elective officers. The governor shall 32 designate one member of the commission as the chairman 33 thereof and the members shall choose one of the members 34 thereof as secretary. Two members of the commission 35 shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of official 36 business.

37 (a) The commission shall do all things necessary and 38 convenient for carrying into effect the provisions of this 39 article and may from time to time promulgate reasonable, 40 fair and impartial rules and regulations in accordance 41 with article three, the provisions of twenty-nine-a of this code. The board shall pay each

- member the same compensation and expense reimbursement as is paid to members of the Legislature for their interim duties as recommended by the citizens legislative compensation commission and authorized by law for each
- 47 day or portion thereof engaged in the discharge of official

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- (b) The commission shall employ an executive director and such clerks, investigators and assistants as it shall deem necessary to discharge the duties imposed by the provisions of this article and to effect its purposes, and the commission shall determine the duties and fix the compensation of such executive director, clerks, investigators and assistants, subject to the general laws of the state.
- 57 (c) The commission shall adopt a seal by which it shall 58 authenticate its proceedings. Copies of all records and 59 papers in the office of the commission, duly certified and 60 authenticated by the seal of said commission, shall be 61 received in evidence in all courts equally and with like 62 effect as the original. All records kept in the office of the 63 commission under authority of this article shall be open 64 to public inspection under reasonable rules and regula-65 tions as shall be prescribed by the commission.
- (d) After having conducted a preliminary performance 66 67 review through its joint committee on government 68 operations, pursuant to article ten, chapter four of this 69 code, the Legislature hereby finds and declares that the 70 West Virginia real estate commission should be continued 71 and reestablished. Accordingly, notwithstanding the 72 provisions of said article, the West Virginia real estate 73 commission shall continue to exist until the first day of 74July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-five, to allow the 75 joint committee on government operations to monitor 76 compliance with recommendations set forth in the 77 preliminary performance review.

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