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Senate Bill No. 145

(SENATORS WAGNER, MILLER AND YODER, original sponsors)

[Passed February 20, 1995; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections four and five, article twelve, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, all relating to excepting certain board members of local development authorities from being in violation of the state ethics law solely by serving on an authority board.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections four and five, article twelve, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirtyone, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 12. COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES. §7-12-4. Qualifications of members.

1 (a) In addition to the appointing agencies as provided

- 2 for in section three of this article, such other persons,
- firms, unincorporated associations and corporations,
- 4 which reside or maintain offices in the county of the
- development authority, are eligible to participate in and
- request the governing body to appoint members to the
- development authority as the said authority by its
- 8 bylaws provides. Members can also be drawn from
- citizens of a county contiguous to the county in which
- the county development authority is located regardless 10
- of their state of residence. 11
- 12 (b) Any person employed by, owning an interest in, or
- otherwise associated with a public utility company as 13
- defined in section two, article one, chapter twenty-four 14
- 15 of this code or bank as defined in section two, article
- one, chapter thirty-one-a of this code may serve as a 16
- board member and shall not be disqualified from serving 17
- 18 as a board member because of conflict of interest as
- 19 defined in section fifteen, article ten, chapter sixty-one
- 20 of this code and shall not be subject to prosecution under
- 21 the provisions of said section when the violation is
- 22 created solely as a result of his or her relationship with
- the bank or public utility. This member must recuse
- himself or herself from board participation regarding the
- 25 conflicting issue as provided for in section five of this
- 26 article.

§7-12-5. Compensation of members; expenses; recusal of member from voting where conflict of interest involved.

- 1 (a) No member of the authority shall receive any
- 2 compensation, whether in formal salary, per diem
- 3 allowance or otherwise, in connection with his or her
- 4 services as such member. Each member shall, however,
- 5 be entitled to reimbursement by the authority for any
- 6 necessary expenditures in connection with
- 7 performance of his or her general duties as such member.
- 8 (b) Whenever a person associated with a public utility
- or bank as set out in section four of this article has a 10 conflict of interest between the board and that public

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- 11 utility or bank, then he or she must recuse himself or
- 12 herself from any vote, discussion or other activity
- 13 associated with the board or its members that creates the
- 14 conflict of interest.

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