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(ORIGINATING IN THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION.)

[Passed March 27, 1997; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article sixteen-a, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to continuing the West Virginia parkways, economic development and tourism authority until the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-eight.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 16A. WEST VIRGINIA PARKWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM AUTHORITY.

§17-16A-3. Dissolution and termination of West Virginia turnpike commission; West Virginia parkways, economic development and tourism authority generally.

1 On and after the first day of June, one thousand nine 2 hundred eighty-nine, the West Virginia turnpike commis-3 sion is hereby abolished in all respects, and there is hereby 4 created the "West Virginia Parkways, Economic Develop-5 ment and Tourism Authority", and by that name the 6 parkways authority may sue and be sued and plead and be 7 impleaded. The parkways authority is hereby constituted 8 an agency of the state, and the exercise by the parkways authority of the powers conferred by this article in the 9 construction, reconstruction, improvement, operation and 10 maintenance of parkway, economic development and 11 12 tourism projects shall be deemed and held to be an 13 essential governmental function of the state.

14 The West Virginia parkways, economic development and tourism authority shall consist of seven members, includ-15 ing the transportation secretary, who shall serve as 16 17 chairman of the parkways authority, and six members, including no less than one from each of the counties which 18 have land bordering parkway projects, appointed by the 19 20 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the 21 Senate. The appointed members shall be residents of the 22 state, and shall have been qualified electors therein for a period of at least one year next preceding their appoint-23 24 ment. Upon the effective date of this legislation, the 25 governor shall forthwith appoint six members of the 26 parkways authority for staggered terms. The terms of the 27 parkways authority members first taking office on or after the effective date of this legislation shall expire as desig-28 nated by the governor at the time of the nomination, one 29 30 at the end of the first year, one at the end of the second 31 year, one at the end of the third year, one at the end of the 32 fifth year, one at the end of the sixth year and one at the end of the seventh year, after the first day of June, one 33 34 thousand nine hundred eighty-nine. As these original 35 appointments expire, each subsequent appointment shall 36 be for a full eight-year term. Any member whose term has 37 expired shall serve until his successor has been duly 38 appointed and qualified. Any person appointed to fill a 39 vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. Any 40 member shall be eligible for reappointment. The term of 41 any person serving as a member of the West Virginia turnpike commission immediately preceding the effective date of this legislation shall cease and otherwise expire upon such effective date: *Provided*, That any such member shall be eligible for reappointment. Each appointed member of the parkways authority before entering upon his duties shall take an oath as provided by section five, article IV of the constitution of the state of West Virginia.

The parkways authority shall elect one of the appointed members as vice chairman, and shall also elect a secretary and treasurer who need not be members of the parkways authority. Four members of the parkways authority shall constitute a quorum and the vote of a majority of mem-bers present shall be necessary for any action taken by the parkways authority. No vacancy in the membership of the parkways authority shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the parkways authority. The parkways authority shall meet at least monthly and either the chairman or any four members shall be empowered to call special meetings for any purpose or purposes: *Provided*, That notice of any such meeting shall be given to all members of the park-ways authority not less than ten days prior to said special meetings.

Before the issuance of any parkway revenue bonds or revenue refunding bonds under the provisions of this article, each appointed member of the parkways authority shall execute a surety bond in the penal sum of twenty-five thousand dollars and the secretary and treasurer shall execute a surety bond in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, each such surety bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office, to be executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in the state of West Virginia as surety and to be approved by the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state.

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The members of the parkways authority shall not be entitled to compensation for their services, but each member shall be reimbursed for his actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this

- 82 article shall be payable solely from funds provided under
- 83 the authority of this article and no liability or obligation
- 84 shall be incurred by the parkways authority hereunder
- 85 beyond the extent to which moneys shall have been
- 86 provided under the authority of this article.
- 87 Pursuant to the provisions of article ten, chapter four of
- 88 this code, the West Virginia parkways, economic develop-
- 89 ment and tourism authority shall continue to exist until
- 90 the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred
- 91 ninety-nine.

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