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HOUSE BILL No. 4114

(By Delegates Douglas, Collins, Tucker, Capito, Thompson and Varner)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article twenty, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, continuing the West Virginia women's commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 20. WOMEN'S COMMISSION.

§29-20-1. Continuation; membership; appointment and terms of members; organization; reimbursement for expenses.

1 The West Virginia commission on the status of women
2 is hereby abolished, and there is hereby continued within
3 the department of health and human resources the West
4 Virginia women's commission, to consist of eighteen
5 members, seven of whom shall be ex officio members, not
6 entitled to vote: The attorney general, the state
7 superintendent of schools, the commissioner of labor, the
8 commissioner of the bureau of human resources of the
9 department of health and human resources, the director of
10 the human rights commission, the director of the division
of personnel and the chancellor of the board of directors
of the state college system. Each ex officio member may
designate one representative employed by his or her
department to meet with the commission in his or her
absence. The governor shall appoint the additional eleven
members, by and with the advice and consent of the
Senate, from among the citizens of the state. The
governor shall designate the chairman and vice chairman
of the commission and the commission may elect such
other officers as it deems necessary. The members shall
serve a term beginning the first day of July, one thousand
nine hundred seventy-seven, three to serve for a term of
one year, four to serve for a term of two years and the
remaining four to serve for a term of three years. The
successors of the members initially appointed as provided
herein shall be appointed for a term of three years each in
the same manner as the members initially appointed under
this article, except that any person appointed to fill a
vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for
which his or her predecessor was appointed shall be
appointed for the remainder of such term. Each member
shall serve until the appointment and qualification of his
or her successor.

No member may receive any salary for his or her
services, but each may be reimbursed for actual and
necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or
her duties out of funds received by the commission under
section four of this article, except that in the event the
expenses are paid, or are to be paid, by a third party, the
members shall not be reimbursed by the commission.

After having conducted a performance audit through
its joint committee on government operations, pursuant to
section nine, article ten, chapter four of this code, the
Legislature hereby finds and declares that the West
Virginia women's commission should be continued and
reestablished. Accordingly, notwithstanding the provisions
of section four, article ten, chapter four of this code, the
West Virginia women's commission shall continue to exist
until the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred
ninety-nine.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Candy Schoonover  
Chairman Senate Committee

Nick Fantasia  
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Russell E. Eakes  
Clerk of the Senate

Gregory W. Brasfield  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Earl Ray Tomblin  
President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 4th day of March, 1998.

Joe J. Manchin III  
Governor