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House Bill No. 2478

(By Delegates Douglas, Collins, Prunty, H. White, Hatfield and Stalnaker)

Passed February 23, 1999

In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article three, chapter thirty one-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to continuing the board of banking and financial institutions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 3. BOARD OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

§31A-3-1. Board created; appointment, qualifications, terms, oath, etc., of members; quorum; meetings; when members disqualified from participation; compensation; records; office space; personnel; continuation.

(a) There is hereby created the West Virginia board of banking and financial institutions which shall consist of six members and the commissioner, who shall be chairman. The six members shall be appointed by the governor by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate. Three of the members shall be executive officers of state banking institutions, of whom one shall be truly representative of such state banking institutions having assets not greater than seventy-five million dollars, one shall be truly representative of such state banking institutions having total assets greater than seventy-five million dollars but not greater than two hundred million dollars, and one shall be truly representative of such banking institutions having total assets greater than two hundred million dollars. One member shall be an executive officer of a financial institution other than a banking institution. Two members shall represent the public, neither of whom shall be an employee, officer, trustee, director or stockholder of any financial institution. No member shall hold any other office, employment or position with the United States, any state, county, municipality or other governmental entity, any instrumentality or agency of any of the foregoing or with any political party.

(b) The members of the board shall be appointed for overlapping terms of six years, except that of the original appointments, two members shall be appointed for a term of two years, two members shall be appointed for a term of four years and two members shall be appointed for a term of six years, and in every instance until their respective successors have been appointed and qualified. Any member appointed for a full six-year term may not be reappointed until two years after the expiration of such term. Any member appointed for less than a full six-year term shall be eligible for reappointment for a full term. Before entering upon the performance of his duties, each member shall take and subscribe to the oath required by section five, article IV of the constitution of this state. The governor shall, within sixty days following the occurrence of a vacancy on the board, fill the same by appointing a person for the unexpired term of, and meeting the same requirements for membership as, the person vacating said office. Any member may be removed by the governor in case of incompetency, neglect of duty, gross immorality or malfeasance in office.

(c) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. The board shall meet at least once in each calendar
quarter on a date fixed by the board. The commissioner may, upon his own motion, or shall upon the written request of three members of the board, call additional meetings of the board upon at least twenty-four hours' notice. No member shall participate in a proceeding before the board to which a corporation, partnership or unincorporated association is a party, and of which he is, or was at any time in the preceding twelve months, a director, officer, owner, partner, employee, member or stockholder. A member may disqualify himself from participation in a proceeding for any other cause deemed by him to be sufficient. Each member shall receive fifty dollars for each day or portion thereof spent in attending meetings of the board and shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred incident to his duties as a member of the board.

(d) The board shall keep an accurate record of all its proceedings and make certificates thereupon as may be required by law. The commissioner shall make available necessary office space and secretarial and other assistance as the board may reasonably require.

Pursuant to the provisions of section four, article ten, chapter four of this code, and following a preliminary performance audit review conducted through the joint committee on government operations, the West Virginia board of banking and financial institutions shall continue to exist until the first day of July, two thousand five.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 10th day of November, 1999.

Governor