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(By Delegates Flanigan, Wills and Frederick)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections two, three, four and six, chapter two hundred twenty-eight, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred ninety-seven; and to further amend said chapter by adding thereto a new section, designated section seven, all relating to the Mercer County Governmental Council; expanding its authority; and changing its composition.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections two, three, four and six, chapter two hundred twenty-eight, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred ninety-seven, be amended and reenacted; and that said chapter be further amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section seven, all to read as follows:

MERCER COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL.

§2. Purposes.

- 1 The purposes of the council are to:
- 2 (1) Foster and promote cooperation and understanding
- 3 among the various governing bodies and officials of Mercer
- 4 County, West Virginia, including the Mercer County legislative
- 5 delegation. A desired effect is for Mercer County to present a

6 unified voice and vision to the state and federal governments
7 for the betterment of Mercer County and to ensure that the
8 citizens of Mercer County are heard by their state and federal
9 representatives and receive a fair and equitable proportion of
10 resources available from these levels of government; and

11 (2) Develop strategies and plans for supporting solutions to
12 problems and meeting needs of the county.

§3. Membership.

1 (a) The Mercer County Governmental Council is composed
2 of full members and associate members.

3 (b) The full members are the elected members of the
4 governing bodies of the municipalities located within Mercer
5 County, the members of the Mercer County Commission, and
6 those members of the state Senate and the House of Delegates
7 elected to represent Mercer County, or a portion thereof, in the
8 Legislature. The terms of office for these members are coexten-
9 sive with the terms of their respective elected offices.

10 (c) The associate members are:

11 (1) Those individuals elected to the following Mercer
12 County public offices: Sheriff, county clerk, circuit clerk,
13 assessor and prosecuting attorney. The terms of office of these
14 members are coextensive with the terms of their respective
15 elected offices; and

16 (2) Those individuals who are elected or appointed to the
17 following offices or positions: Mercer County Economic
18 Development Authority; Bluefield city manager; Princeton city
19 manager; Region I Planning and Development Council; West
20 Virginia Division of Highways district office; Chambers of
21 Commerce; Mercer County Board of Education; Mercer County
22 Health Board; Bluestone Convention and Tourism Board;
23 Mercer County Emergency Services; hospital administrators of
24 hospitals located in Mercer County and others who may be
25 appointed from time to time, at the council's discretion. The
26 terms of office of these members shall be coextensive with the
27 terms of their elected or appointed offices or positions.

§4. Officers.

1 The Mercer County Governmental Council shall, at its
2 meeting in July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-nine, elect
3 from among its membership a president, vice president,
4 treasurer and secretary, who serve in their respective capacities
5 for terms of two years.

§6. Voting.

1 The council as a whole may take up for consideration any
2 matter brought before it by any member but only full members
3 of the council are entitled to vote on a matter. A simple
4 majority of the full members present voting in the affirmative
5 is sufficient for the measure to carry. However, no vote of the
6 council may have a binding effect upon any member in the
7 performance of his or her duties as an elected or appointed
8 official. The votes of the council are advisory only, except
9 when authorizing the expenditure of funds.

§7. Powers of the council.

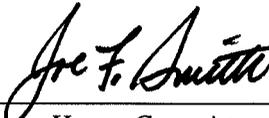
1 (a) The council is authorized to receive appropriations, gifts
2 and grants from any source, including but not limited to, any
3 municipality within the county and the county commission. It
4 may establish an account with a local bank for deposit of funds
5 received. The council may expend funds received in furtherance
6 of the purposes stated in this act.

7 (b) The council may prepare and distribute informational
8 materials to assist it in its activities.

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



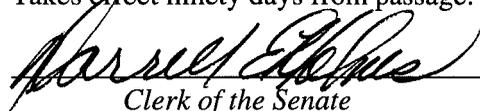
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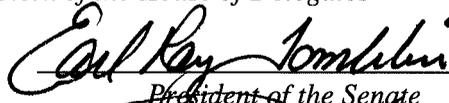
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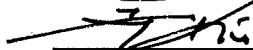
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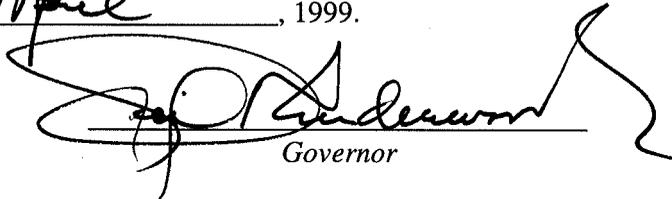


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 2nd
day of April, 1999.



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