AN ACT to amend and reenact section seventeen, article one, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to duties of director of supreme court of appeals; and eliminating time reporting requirements for circuit judges.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 1. SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.
§51-1-17. Administrative office of supreme court of appeals—
duties of director.

The director shall, when authorized by the supreme court
of appeals, be the administrative officer of said court and
shall have charge, under the supervision and direction of
the supreme court of appeals, of:

(a) All administrative matters relating to the offices of
the clerks of the circuit and intermediary courts and of the
offices of justice of the peace and all other clerical and
administrative personnel of said courts; but nothing
contained in this act shall be construed as affecting the
authority of the courts to appoint their administrative or
clerical personnel;

(b) Examining the state of the dockets of the various
courts and securing information as to their needs for
assistance, if any, and the preparation of statistical data
and reports of the business transacted by the courts;

(c) The preparation of a proper budget to secure the
appropriation of moneys for the maintenance, support and
operation of the courts;

(d) The purchase, exchange, transfer and distribution of
equipment and supplies, as may be needful or desirable;

(e) Such other matters as may be assigned to him by the
supreme court of appeals. The clerks of the circuit courts,
intermediate courts and courts of the justices of the peace
shall comply with any and all requests made by the
director or his assistants for information and statistical
data bearing on the state of the dockets of such courts, or
such other information as may reflect the business trans-acted by them;

(f) Annual report of activities and estimates of expendi-
tures. — The director, when required to do so by the
supreme court of appeals, shall submit annually to the
court a report of the activities of the administrative office
and of the state of business of the courts, together with the
statistical data compiled by him, with his recommenda-
tions.
(g) Serve as the chair of the court security board created under the provisions of section fifteen, article three of this chapter.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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