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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 is
- hereby abolished, and there is hereby continued within the
- 3 department of health and human resources the West Virginia
- 4 women's commission, to consist of eighteen members, seven of
- 5 whom shall be ex officio members, not entitled to vote: The
- 6 attorney general, the state superintendent of schools, the
- 7 commissioner of labor, the commissioner of the bureau of
- 8 human resources of the department of health and human

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resources, the director of the human rights commission, the 10 director of the division of personnel and the chancellor of the board of directors of the state college system. Each ex officio 11 member may designate one representative employed by his or 12 her department to meet with the commission in his or her 13 absence. The governor shall appoint the additional eleven 14 members, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, 15 16 from among the citizens of the state. The governor shall 17 designate the chairman and vice chairman of the commission 18 and the commission may elect such other officers as it deems 19 necessary. The members shall serve a term beginning the first 20 day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven, three to 21 serve for a term of one year, four to serve for a term of two 22 years and the remaining four to serve for a term of three years. The successors of the members initially appointed as provided 23 24 herein shall be appointed for a term of three years each in the same manner as the members initially appointed under this 25 26 article, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy 27 occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his or her 28 predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder 29 of such term. Each member shall serve until the appointment 30 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, two thousand two.

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

Chaffman House Committee Originating in the House. Takes effect ninety days from passage Speaker of the House of Delegates this the The within day of \_

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