House Bill No. 4121
(By Delegates Douglas, Kuhn, Brown, Hatfield, Marshall, Yeager and Leggett)

Passed February 20, 2002
In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
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; and to further amend said article by adding thereto a new section, designated section seven, relating to continuing the 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; and that said article be further amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section seven, all to read as follows:
ARTICLE 20. WOMEN'S COMMISSION.

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

The West Virginia commission on the status of women is hereby abolished, and there is hereby continued within the department of health and human resources the West Virginia women's commission, to consist of eighteen members, seven of whom shall be ex officio members, not entitled to vote: The attorney general, the state superintendent of schools, the commissioner of labor, the commissioner of the bureau of human resources of the department of health and human resources, the director of 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.

§29-20-7. Continuation of commission.

The women’s commission is continued until the first day of July, two thousand six, pursuant to the provisions of article ten, chapter four of this code, unless sooner terminated, continued or reestablished pursuant to the provisions of that article.
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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.

In 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 bill is approved this the ___ day of March, 2002.

Governor