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# FOR House Bill No. 2737

(By Delegates Webster, Frazier, Longstreth and Sobonya)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §62-12-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals to hire multi-judicial-circuit probation officers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §62-12-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 12. PROBATION AND PAROLE.

#### §62-12-5. Probation officers and assistants.

- 1 (a) Each circuit court, subject to the approval of the
- 2 Supreme Court of Appeals and in accordance with its rules,
- 3 is authorized to appoint one or more probation officers and
- 4 clerical assistants.

Pil 3: 18 (b) The appointment of probation officers and clerical assistants shall be in writing and entered on the order book of the court by the judge making such appointment and a copy of said order of appointment shall be delivered to the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals. The order of appointment shall state the monthly salary, fixed by the judge and approved by the Supreme Court of Appeals, to be paid to the probation officer or clerical assistants so appointed.

- (c) The salary of probation officers and clerical assistants shall be paid monthly or semimonthly, as the Supreme Court of Appeals by rule may direct and they shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred in the line of duty in the field. The salary and expenses shall be paid by the state from the judicial accounts thereof. The county commission shall provide adequate office space for the probation officer and his or her assistants to be approved by the appointing court. The equipment and supplies as may be needed by the probation officer and his or her assistants shall be provided by the state and the cost thereof shall be charged against the judicial accounts of the state.
- (d) No judge may appoint any probation officer, assistant
   probation officer or clerical assistant who is related to him or
   her either by consanguinity or affinity.
  - (e) Subject to the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals and in accordance with its rules, a judge of a circuit court whose circuit comprises more than one county may appoint a probation officer and a clerical assistant in each county of the circuit or may appoint the same persons to serve in these respective positions in two or more counties in the circuit.

36 (f) Nothing contained in this section alters, modifies, 37 affects or supersedes the appointment or tenure of any 38 probation officer, medical assistant or psychiatric assistant 39 appointed by any court under any special act of the 40 Legislature heretofore enacted, and the 41 compensation of those persons shall remain as specified in 42 the most recent amendment of any special act until changed 43 by the court, with approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals, 44 by order entered of record, and any such salary or

compensation shall be paid out of the state treasury.

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46 (g) In order to carry out the probation responsibilities set 47 forth in section twenty-six, article twelve, chapter sixty-two 48 of this code, the Administrative Director of the Supreme 49 Court of Appeals, or his or her designee, in accordance with 50 the court's procedures, is authorized to hire multi-judicial-51 circuit probation officers, to be employed through the court's 52 Division of Probation Services.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the
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