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AN ACT to amend and reenact §7-6-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to bond requirements for county depositories; requiring that a county depository execute a bond only for the amount of the public money deposited that exceeds the amount of the deposit insured by an agency of the federal government.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §7-6-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. COUNTY DEPOSITORIES.

§7-6-2. BOND OF DEPOSITORIES.

1 No designation is binding on any county, nor shall any 2 public money be deposited thereunder in excess of the 3 amount insured by an agency of the federal government, 4 until the banking institution designated executes a bond 5 with good and sufficient sureties, to be accepted and 6 approved by the county commission, payable to the State

7 of West Virginia, in a sum as the county commission shall 8 direct, and which may not be less than the amount of the 9 deposit that exceeds the amount insured by an agency of 10 the federal government in the depository at any one time. The bond shall be executed by at least four resident 11 12 freeholders as sureties owning in the aggregate unencum-13 bered real estate having an assessed valuation thereon 14 equal to the penalty of the bond, or by a fidelity or indem-15 nity company authorized to do business within the state, 16 satisfactory to, and acceptable by the county commission, and having not less than \$600,000 capital; and the bond 1718 shall be conditioned for the receipt, safekeeping and payment over of all money which may be deposited in or 19 20 come under the custody of the banking institution desig-21 nated a county depository under the provisions hereof, 22 together with the interest thereon at the rate specified by 23this article; and the bond shall be further conditioned for the faithful performance, by the banking institution so 2425designated, of all the duties imposed by this article upon a depository of public moneys: Provided, That the clerk of 26the county commission shall keep a record of each surety 27on all personal bonds given as hereinbefore provided and 2829 the clerk shall notify the county commission of every 30 recorded conveyance of real estate made by any surety on 31said personal bond.

An action shall lie on the bond at the instance of the county commission, or the sheriff, for the recovery of any money deposited in the depository, upon failure or default of the depository to fully and faithfully account for and pay over any and all public moneys deposited by the sheriff and of all interests earned and accrued thereon as required by this article. A bond may not be accepted by the county commission until it has been submitted to the prosecuting attorney, and certified by him or her to be in due and legal form, and conformable to the provisions of this article, which certificate shall be endorsed thereon: 43 *Provided*, That the county commission may, in lieu of the 44 bond provided hereinbefore, accept as security for money 45 deposited as aforesaid, interest-bearing securities of the 46 United States, or of a state, county, district or municipal 47 corporation, or of the federal land banks, or endorsed 48 county and district warrants of the county in which the 49 depository is located, or letters of credit of the federal land 50 banks, or federal home loan banks, or any other letters of 51 credit approved by the treasurer; the face value of which 52 securities may not be less than the sum hereinbefore 53 specified as the amount to be named in the bond in lieu of 54 which the securities are accepted; or the county commis-55 sion may accept the securities as partial security to the 56 extent of their face value for the money so deposited, and 57 require bond for the remainder of the full amount herein-58 before specified, to be named in the bond, and in the bond 59 so required, the acceptance of securities as partial secu-60 rity, and the extent thereof, shall be set forth: Provided, 61 however, That a banking institution is not required to 62 provide a bond or security in lieu of bond if the deposits 63 accepted are placed in certificates of deposit meeting the 64 following requirements: (1) The funds are invested through 65 a designated state depository selected by the county; (2) 66 the selected depository arranges for the deposit of the 67 funds in certificates of deposit in one or more banks or 68 savings and loan associations wherever located in the 69 United States, for the account of the county; (3) the full 70 amount of principal and accrued interest of each certifi-71 cate of deposit is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance 72 Corporation; (4) the selected depository acts as custodian 73 for the county with respect to such certificates of deposit 74 issued for the county's account; and (5) at the same time 75 that the county's funds are deposited and the certificates 76 of deposit are issued, the selected depository receives an 77 amount of deposits from customers of other financial 78 institutions wherever located in the United States equal to 79 or greater than the amount of the funds invested by the Enr. S. B. No. 385]

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80 county through the selected depository. The hypotheca-81 tion of the securities shall be by proper legal transfer as 82 collateral security to protect and indemnify by trust any 83 and all loss in case of any default on the part of the 84 banking institution in its capacity as depository as afore-85 said. All the securities shall be delivered to or deposited 86 for the account of the county commission, and withdrawal or substitution thereof may be permitted from time to time 87 88 upon approval by the county commission by order of 89 record, but the collateral security shall be released only by 90 order of record of the county commission when satisfied 91 that full and faithful accounting and payment of all the 92 moneys has been made under the provisions hereof. In the 93 event actual possession of the hypothecated securities are 94 delivered to the county commission, it shall make ample 95 provision for the safekeeping thereof and the interest 96 thereon when paid shall be turned over to the banking 97 institution, so long as it is not in default as aforesaid. The 98 county commission may permit the deposit under proper 99 receipt of the securities with one or more banking institu-100 tions within or without the State of West Virginia and may 101 contract with any institution for safekeeping and ex-102 change of any hypothecated securities, and may prescribe 103 the rules for handling and protecting the same.

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

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