WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2012

ENROLLED

House Bill No. 4291

(By Delegates Miley, Frazier, Longstreth, Barill and Manchin)
[By Request of the Supreme Court of Appeals]

Passed February 15, 2012
To Take Effect From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact §51-8-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to county law libraries operated by the Supreme Court of Appeals and circuit courts; providing that circuit courts may no longer establish county law libraries; and providing that the Supreme Court of Appeals alone shall determine the appropriate number thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §51-8-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8. STATE AND COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES; LAW CLERKS.

§51-8-8. Authority to establish county law libraries; under control of circuit judge; rules.

1 The Supreme Court of Appeals may establish county law
2 libraries which once established, are wholly under the
3 management of the circuit judge, with the assistance of the
circuit clerk. The Supreme Court of Appeals may determine
the appropriate number of law libraries that will be in
operation as well as the location of the libraries and may
expend funds for the purchase of books or other expenses
necessary for the operation of the county law libraries.

All county law libraries in operation shall be kept current
and the cost of the libraries, other than for provision of
adequate space, shall be borne by the state and paid from the
judicial branch appropriation. The county libraries shall be
available for use by the public subject to reasonable rules as
may be adopted by the circuit judge. County commissions
shall provide adequate space for the county libraries.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signatures]

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

To take effect from passage.

[Signatures]

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 22nd day of February, 2012.

[Signature]

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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Time 1:40 pm