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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.

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- 5 (b) The appointment of probation officers and clerical assistants shall be in writing and entered on the order book of 6 7 the court by the judge making such appointment and a copy of said order of appointment shall be delivered to the 8 9 Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals. The order of appointment shall state the monthly salary, fixed 10 by the judge and approved by the Supreme Court of Appeals, 11 to be paid to the probation officer or clerical assistants so 12 13 appointed.

14 (c) The salary of probation officers and clerical assistants shall be paid monthly or semimonthly, as the Supreme Court 15 16 of Appeals by rule may direct and they shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred 17 in the line of duty in the field. The salary and expenses shall 18 19 be paid by the state from the judicial accounts thereof. The county commission shall provide adequate office space for 20 the probation officer and his or her assistants to be approved 21 22 by the appointing court. The equipment and supplies as may be needed by the probation officer and his or her assistants 23 24 shall be provided by the state and the cost thereof shall be charged against the judicial accounts of the state. 25

26 (d) No judge may appoint any probation officer, assistant
27 probation officer or clerical assistant who is related to him or
28 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.

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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 salary or 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. 45

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

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

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