

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 FOR

3 **Senate Bill No. 418**

4 (By Senator Laird)

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6 [Originating in the Committee on Government Organization;  
7 reported February 2, 2012.]

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §62-12-12 of the Code of West  
11 Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to qualification of  
12 members of the Parole Board.

13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

16 **ARTICLE 12. PROBATION AND PAROLE.**

17 **§62-12-12. Parole board generally.**

18 ~~There shall be a state board of parole, known as the (a) The~~  
19 West Virginia Parole Board" is continued. The board ~~shall~~  
20 consists of nine members, each of whom shall have been a resident  
21 of this state for at least five consecutive years prior to his or  
22 her appointment. No more than five of the board members may at

1 any one time belong to the same political party. The board shall  
2 be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent  
3 of the Senate.

4 (b) Appointments ~~following the effective date of this~~  
5 ~~section~~ shall be made in such a manner that each congressional  
6 district is represented and so that no more than four and no less  
7 than two members of the board reside in any one congressional  
8 district. No more than two members of the board may reside in  
9 any one county. ~~Each~~

10 (c) Commencing with the appointments made after June 30,  
11 2012, each member of the board shall have a four-year degree or a  
12 degree, experience or training in criminal justice, ~~or like~~  
13 ~~experience and academic training~~ and shall be otherwise competent  
14 to perform the duties of his or her office. The members shall be  
15 appointed for overlapping terms of six years. Any member  
16 qualified under this section is eligible for reappointment. The  
17 members of the board shall devote their full time and attention  
18 to their board duties. The Governor shall appoint one of the  
19 nine appointed members to serve as chairperson at the Governor's  
20 will and pleasure.