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Senate Bill No. 418

(SENATOR LAIRD, *original sponsor*)

[Passed March 10, 2012; to take effect July 1, 2012.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact §62-12-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to expanding educational qualifications and adding work experience requirements for members of the Parole Board; and clarifying that members are eligible for reappointment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 12. PROBATION AND PAROLE.

§62-12-12. Parole board generally.

- 1 (a) The West Virginia Parole Board is continued. The
- 2 board shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall
- 3 have been a resident of this state for at least five consecu-

4 tive years prior to his or her appointment. No more than
5 five of the board members may at any one time belong to
6 the same political party. The board shall be appointed by
7 the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the
8 Senate.

9 (b) Appointments shall be made in such a manner that
10 each congressional district is represented and so that no
11 more than four and no less than two members of the board
12 reside in any one congressional district. No more than two
13 members of the board may reside in any one county.

14 (c) Any person initially appointed to the board on or
15 after July 1, 2012, shall have a degree from an accredited
16 college or university or at least five years of actual experi-
17 ence in the fields of corrections, law enforcement, sociol-
18 ogy, law, education, psychology, social work, medicine or a
19 combination thereof and shall be otherwise competent to
20 perform the duties of his or her office. The members shall
21 be appointed for overlapping terms of six years. Members
22 are eligible for reappointment. The members of the board
23 shall devote their full time and attention to their board
24 duties. The Governor shall appoint one of the nine ap-
25 pointed members to serve as chairperson at the Governor's
26 will and pleasure.

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

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 2012.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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Day of, 2012.

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Governor