

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 FOR

3 **Senate Bill No. 279**

4 (By Senators Walters, Blair, Gaunch, Boso, Karnes, Maynard and D. Hall)

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6 [Originating in the Committee on Labor;  
7 reported January 27, 2015.]  
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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §21-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to  
11 establishing new qualifications for the appointment of the Commissioner of Labor; and  
12 deleting outdated language.

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

14 That §21-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted  
15 to read as follows:

16 **ARTICLE 1. DIVISION OF LABOR.**

17 **§21-1-2. Appointment of Commissioner of Labor; qualifications; term of office; salary.**

18 The State Commissioner of Labor ~~shall be~~ is appointed by the Governor, by and with the  
19 advice and consent of the Senate. He or she shall be a competent person ~~who is identified with the~~  
20 ~~labor interests of the state~~ who has training and experience with labor-management relations. The  
21 Commissioner of Labor in office on the effective date of this section shall, unless sooner removed,  
22 continue to serve until his or her term expires and his or her successor has been appointed and has  
23 qualified. ~~On or before April 1, 1941, and on or before April 1 of each fourth year thereafter, the~~

1 Governor shall appoint a Commissioner of Labor to serve for a term of four years, commencing on  
2 said April 1. The commissioner shall receive an annual salary as provided in section two-a, article  
3 seven, chapter six of this code.