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April 1, 2016

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State
State of West Virginia
Building 1, Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305

Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 599

Dear Secretary of State Tennant:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 599.

By law, the State Treasurer is the administrator of the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. *See* West Virginia Code § 36-8-1(1). This bill seeks to divest the State Treasurer of certain administrative duties and assign those duties to the Insurance Commissioner. As the law is clear that the State Treasurer shall act as the administrator, it is unwise to subdivide duties under the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act and assign those duties to other state actors.

In view of the foregoing, I must disapprove Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 599.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Ray Tomblin".

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

cc: The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The Hon. William P. Cole III
President of the Senate