

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2019 REGULAR SESSION**

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### **House Bill 2925**

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[Introduced February 8, 2019; Referred  
to the Committee on Government Organization then  
Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §6-7-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to changing the title of the Commissioner of Culture and History to the Curator of Arts,  
3 Culture, and History; and to increase the salary of the Curator to \$95,000.

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

## **ARTICLE 7. COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES.**

### **§6-7-2a. Terms of certain appointive state officers; appointment; qualifications; powers and salaries of officers.**

1 (a) Each of the following appointive state officers named in this subsection shall be  
2 appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each of the  
3 appointive state officers serves at the will and pleasure of the Governor for the term for which the  
4 Governor was elected and until the respective state officers' successors have been appointed  
5 and qualified. Each of the appointive state officers are subject to the existing qualifications for  
6 holding each respective office and each has and is hereby granted all of the powers and authority  
7 and shall perform all of the functions and services heretofore vested in and performed by virtue  
8 of existing law respecting each office.

9 The annual salary of each named appointive state officer is as follows:

10 Commissioner, Division of Highways, \$92,500; Commissioner, Division of Corrections and  
11 Rehabilitation, \$90,000; Director, Division of Natural Resources, \$75,000; Superintendent, State  
12 Police, \$85,000; Commissioner, Division of Financial Institutions, \$75,000; ~~Commissioner,~~  
13 ~~Division of Culture and History, \$65,000~~ Curator of Arts, Culture, and History, \$95,000;  
14 Commissioner, Alcohol Beverage Control Commission, \$75,000; Commissioner, Division of  
15 Motor Vehicles, \$75,000; Director, Human Rights Commission, \$55,000; Commissioner, Division  
16 of Labor, \$70,000; Chairperson, Board of Parole, \$55,000; members, Board of Parole, \$50,000;  
17 members, Employment Security Review Board, \$17,000; and Commissioner, Workforce West  
18 Virginia, \$75,000. Secretaries of the departments shall be paid an annual salary as follows: Health  
19 and Human Resources, \$95,000: *Provided*, That effective July 1, 2013, the Secretary of the

20 Department of Health and Human Resources shall be paid an annual salary not to exceed  
21 \$175,000; Transportation, \$95,000: *Provided, however,* That if the same person is serving as both  
22 the Secretary of Transportation and the Commissioner of Highways, he or she shall be paid  
23 \$120,000; Revenue, \$95,000; Military Affairs and Public Safety, \$95,000; Administration,  
24 \$95,000; Education and the Arts, \$95,000; Commerce, \$95,000; Veterans' Assistance, \$95,000;  
25 and Environmental Protection, \$95,000: *Provided further,* That any officer specified in this  
26 subsection whose salary is increased by more than \$5,000 as a result of the amendment and  
27 reenactment of this section during the 2011 regular session of the Legislature shall be paid the  
28 salary increase in increments of \$5,000 per fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, up to the maximum  
29 salary provided in this subsection.

30 (b) Each of the state officers named in this subsection shall continue to be appointed in  
31 the manner prescribed in this code and shall be paid an annual salary as follows:

32 Director, Board of Risk and Insurance Management, \$80,000; Director, Division of  
33 Rehabilitation Services, \$70,000; Director, Division of Personnel, \$70,000; Executive Director,  
34 Educational Broadcasting Authority, \$75,000; Secretary, Library Commission, \$72,000; Director,  
35 Geological and Economic Survey, \$75,000; Executive Director, Prosecuting Attorneys Institute,  
36 \$80,000; Executive Director, Public Defender Services, \$70,000; Commissioner, Bureau of  
37 Senior Services, \$75,000; Executive Director, Women's Commission, \$45,000; Director, Hospital  
38 Finance Authority, \$35,000; member, Racing Commission, \$12,000; Chairman, Public Service  
39 Commission, \$85,000; members, Public Service Commission, \$85,000; Director, Division of  
40 Forestry, \$75,000; and Executive Director of the Health Care Authority, \$80,000.

41 (c) Each of the following appointive state officers named in this subsection shall be  
42 appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each of the  
43 appointive state officers serves at the will and pleasure of the Governor for the term for which the  
44 Governor was elected and until the respective state officers' successors have been appointed  
45 and qualified. Each of the appointive state officers are subject to the existing qualifications for

46 holding each respective office and each has and is hereby granted all of the powers and authority  
47 and shall perform all of the functions and services heretofore vested in and performed by virtue  
48 of existing law respecting each office.

49 The annual salary of each named appointive state officer shall be as follows:

50 Commissioner, State Tax Division, \$92,500; Insurance Commissioner, \$92,500; Director,  
51 Lottery Commission, \$92,500; Director, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency  
52 Management, \$65,000; and Adjutant General, \$125,000.

53 (d) No increase in the salary of any appointive state officer pursuant to this section may  
54 be paid until and unless the appointive state officer has first filed with the State Auditor and the  
55 Legislative Auditor a sworn statement, on a form to be prescribed by the Attorney General,  
56 certifying that his or her spending unit is in compliance with any general law providing for a salary  
57 increase for his or her employees. The Attorney General shall prepare and distribute the form to  
58 the affected spending units.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to alter the title of the Commissioner of the Division of Culture and History to the Curator of Arts, Culture, and History and to increase the salary to \$95,000.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.