

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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### **Senate Bill 841**

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §6-7-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to requiring the Governor to fix the salaries of certain state-appointed officers after the  
3 office is vacated or after July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first; providing for an effective  
4 date; and requiring the salary be included in appointment letter.

*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; Commissioner, Alcohol Beverage Control Commission,  
14 \$75,000; Commissioner, Division of Motor Vehicles, \$75,000; Director, Human Rights  
15 Commission, \$55,000; Commissioner, Division of Labor, \$70,000; Chairperson, Board of Parole,  
16 \$55,000; members, Board of Parole, \$50,000; members, Employment Security Review Board,  
17 \$17,000; and Commissioner, Workforce West Virginia, \$75,000. Secretaries of the departments  
18 shall be paid an annual salary as follows: Health and Human Resources, \$95,000: *Provided*, That

19 effective July 1, 2013, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources shall be  
20 paid an annual salary not to exceed \$175,000; Transportation, \$95,000: *Provided, however,* That  
21 if the same person is serving as both the Secretary of Transportation and the Commissioner of  
22 Highways, he or she shall be paid \$120,000; Revenue, \$95,000; Military Affairs and Public Safety,  
23 \$95,000; Administration, \$95,000; Education and the Arts, \$95,000; Commerce, \$95,000;  
24 Veterans' Assistance, \$95,000; and Environmental Protection, \$95,000: *Provided further,* That  
25 any officer specified in this subsection whose salary is increased by more than \$5,000 as a result  
26 of the amendment and reenactment of this section during the 2011 regular session of the  
27 Legislature shall be paid the salary increase in increments of \$5,000 per fiscal year beginning  
28 July 1, 2011, up to the maximum salary provided in this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

58 (e) The annual salary of each appointive state officer named in this section shall continue  
59 in the amount as set forth in this section from the effective date of the amendments to this section  
60 enacted in 2020 until the position held by the officer is vacated or until July 1, 2020, whichever  
61 occurs first. After the vacancy, or after July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, notwithstanding any  
62 other provision of this section to the contrary, the annual salary of each appointed state officer  
63 named in this section shall be fixed by the Governor within the current budget allocation. The  
64 salary of each appointed state officer named in this section shall be listed in the appointment letter  
65 for the position.