

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

for

H. B. 2217

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(Originating in the Committee on Government Organization)

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A BILL to amend and reenact §21-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the qualifications of the Commissioner of Labor; removing language that the commissioner be identified with the labor interests of the state and requiring that the commissioner be identified with and have knowledge and experience in employee issues and interests including employee-employer relations in this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 1. DIVISION OF LABOR.

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

1 The state Commissioner of Labor shall be appointed by the
2 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. He
3 or she shall be a competent person, who is identified with ~~the~~
4 ~~labor interests of the state~~ and has knowledge and experience in
5 employee issues and interests including employee-employer
6 relations in this state. The Commissioner of Labor in office on
7 the effective date of this section shall, unless sooner removed,
8 continue to serve until his or her term expires and his or her
9 successor has been appointed and has qualified. On or before
10 April 1, 1941, and on or before April 1 of each fourth year
11 thereafter, the Governor shall appoint a Commissioner of Labor
12 to serve for a term of four years, commencing on April 1. The
13 commissioner shall receive an annual salary as provided in
14 section two-a, article seven, chapter six of this code.