

1 **ENROLLED**

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6 **Senate Bill No. 418**

7 (SENATOR LAIRD, *original sponsor*)

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9 [Passed March 10, 2012; to take effect July 1, 2012.]
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12 AN ACT to amend and reenact §62-12-12 of the Code of West
13 Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to expanding
14 educational qualifications and adding work experience
15 requirements for members of the Parole Board; and clarifying
16 that members are eligible for reappointment.

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

18 That §62-12-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
19 amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

20 **ARTICLE 12. PROBATION AND PAROLE.**

21 **§62-12-12. Parole Board generally.**

22 (a) The West Virginia Parole Board is continued. The board
23 shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall have been a

1 resident of this state for at least five consecutive years prior
2 to his or her appointment. No more than five of the board
3 members may at any one time belong to the same political party.
4 The board shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the
5 advice and consent of the Senate.

6 (b) Appointments shall be made in such a manner that each
7 congressional district is represented and so that no more than
8 four and no less than two members of the board reside in any one
9 congressional district. No more than two members of the board
10 may reside in any one county.

11 (c) Any person initially appointed to the board on or after
12 July 1, 2012, shall have a degree from an accredited college or
13 university or at least five years of actual experience in the
14 fields of corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law,
15 education, psychology, social work, medicine or a combination
16 thereof and shall be otherwise competent to perform the duties of
17 his or her office. The members shall be appointed for
18 overlapping terms of six years. Members are eligible for
19 reappointment. The members of the board shall devote their full
20 time and attention to their board duties. The Governor shall
21 appoint one of the nine appointed members to serve as chairperson
22 at the Governor's will and pleasure.