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House Bill No. 4291

(By Delegates Miley, Frazier, Longstreth,
Barill and Manchin)
[By Request of the Supreme Court of Appeals]



Passed February 15, 2012

To Take Effect From Passage

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §51-8-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to county law libraries operated by the Supreme Court of Appeals and circuit courts; providing that circuit courts may no longer establish county law libraries; and providing that the Supreme Court of Appeals alone shall determine the appropriate number thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §51-8-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8. STATE AND COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES; LAW CLERKS.

§51-8-8. Authority to establish county law libraries; under control of circuit judge; rules.

1 The Supreme Court of Appeals may establish county law
2 libraries which once established, are wholly under the
3 management of the circuit judge, with the assistance of the

4 circuit clerk. The Supreme Court of Appeals may determine
5 the appropriate number of law libraries that will be in
6 operation as well as the location of the libraries and may
7 expend funds for the purchase of books or other expenses
8 necessary for the operation of the county law libraries.

9 All county law libraries in operation shall be kept current
10 and the cost of the libraries, other than for provision of
11 adequate space, shall be borne by the state and paid from the
12 judicial branch appropriation. The county libraries shall be
13 available for use by the public subject to reasonable rules as
14 may be adopted by the circuit judge. County commissions
15 shall provide adequate space for the county libraries.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

To take effect from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within _____ this the _____
day of _____, 2012.

Governor