Τ	Senate Bill No. 642
2	(By Senator Carmichael)
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4	[Introduced March 25, 2013; referred to the Committee on
5	Government Organization; and then to the Committee on the
6	Judiciary.]
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11	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$16-13-18$ of the Code of West Virginia,
12	1931, as amended, relating to supervision of works by a
13	sanitary board; and providing that if a professional engineer
14	is under contract for a project, an engineer is not required
15	to serve on the sanitary board.
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
17	That \$16-13-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
18	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
19	ARTICLE 13. SEWAGE WORKS AND STORMWATER WORKS.
20	§16-13-18. Supervision of works by sanitary board; organization
21	of board; qualifications, terms and compensation of
22	members.
23	(a) The governing body shall provide by ordinance the

- 1 organization of the board, and that the custody, administration,
- 2 operation and maintenance of such works shall be under the
- 3 supervision and control of a sanitary board, created as herein
- 4 provided.
- $\underline{\text{(b)}}$ Such $\underline{\text{The}}$ sanitary board shall be composed of either the
- 6 mayor of the municipality, or the city manager thereof, if said the
- 7 municipality shall have a city manager form of government, and two
- 8 persons appointed by the governing body: Provided, That, in the
- 9 event of an acquisition or merger of an existing works, the
- 10 governing body may increase the membership to a maximum of four
- 11 members in addition to the mayor or city manager of the
- 12 municipality served by the board.
- 13 (c) During the construction period, one of the members must be
- 14 a registered professional engineer, except that if a registered
- 15 professional engineer is under contract for the project, the
- 16 membership of the board is not required to include a registered
- 17 professional engineer. The engineer member of the board need not
- 18 be a resident of said the municipality. After the construction of
- 19 the plant for which no registered professional engineer is under
- 20 contract has been completed, the engineer member may be succeeded
- 21 by a person not an engineer. No officer or employee of the
- 22 municipality, whether holding a paid or unpaid office, shall be is
- 23 eligible to appointment on said sanitary board until at least one
- 24 year after the expiration of the term of his or her public office.

1 The appointees shall originally be appointed for terms of two and 2 three years respectively, and upon the expiration of each term and 3 each succeeding term, an appointment of a successor shall be made 4 in like manner for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled 5 for an unexpired term in the same manner as the original 6 appointment. Each member shall give such bond, if any, as may be 7 required by ordinance. The mayor or city manager shall act as 8 chairman of the sanitary board, which shall elect a vice chairman 9 from its members and shall designate a secretary and treasurer (but 10 the secretary and the treasurer may be one and the same), who need 11 not be a member or members of the sanitary board. The vice 12 chairman, secretary and treasurer shall hold office as such at the 13 will of the sanitary board.

(d) The members of the sanitary board shall receive compensation for their services, either as a salary or as payments for meetings attended, as the governing body may determine, and shall be entitled to payment for their reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The governing body shall fix the reasonable compensation of the secretary and treasurer in its discretion, and shall fix the amounts of bond to be given by the treasurer. All compensation, together with the expenses in this section referred to, shall be paid solely from funds provided under the authority of this article. The sanitary board shall have power to establish bylaws, rules and regulations for its own government.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that a sanitary board is not required to have a registered professional engineer serving on the board if the board is supervising construction of a project for which a registered professional engineer is under contract.

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