

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 FOR

3 **H. B. 2895**

4 (By Delegates Fleischauer, Barill, Marshall, Iaquina,  
5 Lynch, Young, Pasdon, Manypenny, Staggers,  
6 D. Poling, and Ferro)

7 (Originating in the House Committee on Finance)

8 [February 11, 2014]

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §7-3-2a of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended, relating to the display of POW/MIA flags on  
12 county courthouses and other government buildings.

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

14 That §7-3-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
15 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 **ARTICLE 3. COUNTY PROPERTY.**

17 **§7-3-2a. County commissions to purchase and display flags.**

18 The county commission of every county of the state shall  
19 purchase, out of its General Revenue Fund, a United States flag,  
20 ~~and a flag of the State of West Virginia, four feet by six feet in~~  
21 ~~dimensions~~ and a POW/MIA flag, of standard size as defined by U.S.  
22 Code and of regulation bunting, or of other appropriate size and  
23 quality, for its courthouse, and shall require the flags to be  
24 displayed from the courthouse, or from an appropriate nearby staff  
25 or pole, every day between the hours of sunrise and sunset, except

1 in inclement weather. Each county commission shall also purchase  
2 a United States flag and a flag of the State of West Virginia, and  
3 require the flags to be displayed at all times in the circuit  
4 courtroom of the county. ~~Each county and any municipality therein  
5 may purchase a POW-MIA flag to be displayed from its courthouse or  
6 other governmental building alongside the state flag and United  
7 States flag on Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day,  
8 Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veteran's  
9 Day each year.~~ The custodian or other person in charge of the  
10 courthouse shall display the flags as required by this section.

11 Any United States flag, ~~or~~ flag of the State of West Virginia  
12 or POW/MIA flag purchased out of the general revenue of the county  
13 must be manufactured in the United States.