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H. B. 2217

(By Delegates Overington, Walters, Cowles, Upson, Blair, Espinosa,
Deem, R. Phillips, Shott, R. Smith and Sobonya)

[Introduced January 22, 2015; referred to the
Committee on Industry and Labor then Government Organization.]

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

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.

The state Commissioner of Labor shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice
and consent of the Senate. He or she shall be a competent person, who is identified with ~~the labor~~
~~interests~~ employee issues of the state. The Commissioner of Labor in office on the effective date of
this section shall, unless sooner removed, continue to serve until his or her term expires and his or
her successor has been appointed and has qualified. On or before April 1, 1941, and on or before
April 1 of each fourth year thereafter, the Governor shall appoint a Commissioner of Labor to serve

- 1 for a term of four years, commencing on April 1. The commissioner shall receive an annual salary
- 2 as provided in section two-a, article seven, chapter six of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove language that the Commissioner of Labor be a person identified with labor interests of the state and requiring that identification be with employee issues.

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