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D. Poling, Poore, Stephens and Varner)

[Introduced January 21, 2011; referred to the
Committee on Political Subdivisions then the Judiciary.]

10 A BILL to amend and reenact §8-9-3 of the Code of West Virginia,
11 1931, as amended, relating to updating the recordkeeping
12 requirements of municipalities.

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

14 That §8-9-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be
15 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 **ARTICLE 9. PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNING BODIES.**

17 **§8-9-3. Governing body to keep records; minutes of proceedings;
18 voting.**

19 The governing body of ~~every~~ a municipality shall ~~cause to be~~
20 ~~kept, in a well bound book,~~ keep an accurate record of all of its
21 proceedings, ordinances, orders, bylaws, acts, resolutions and
22 rules ~~and regulations~~ which shall be ~~fully~~ indexed and open to
23 inspection. ~~by anyone who is required to pay taxes to such~~
24 ~~municipality.~~

25 At each meeting of the governing body, a journal of the
26 proceedings of the last meeting shall be read, and corrected, if
27 erroneous, and signed by the presiding officer: ~~for the time being~~

1 *Provided*, That the reading of the journal of the proceedings of the
2 last meeting may be dispensed with by majority vote of the
3 governing body if the members ~~thereof~~ have received and examined a
4 copy or synopsis of the journal ~~or a synopsis thereof~~ prior to the
5 meeting at which the journal is signed. ~~Upon the call of~~ Any
6 member may request the yeas and nays be taken on any question ~~shall~~
7 ~~be taken~~ and recorded in the journal.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to update the recordkeeping requirements of municipalities.

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