

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2019 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2181**

BY DELEGATES HOWELL AND J. KELLY

[Introduced January 9, 2019; Referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §6B-3-3d, relating to prohibiting lobbying by certified candidates for a seat in  
3 the West Virginia Legislature.

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

**ARTICLE 3. LOBBYISTS.**

**§6B-3-3d. Prohibition of lobbying by candidates for State Senate or House of Delegates.**

1 Any person who files a certificate of announcement pursuant to §3-5-7 of this code and is  
2 a candidate for State Senate or the House of Delegates, is prohibited from lobbying within the  
3 West Virginia Legislature. This prohibition extends until that person is no longer a candidate for  
4 the State Senate or the House of Delegates, including upon defeat in the primary or general  
5 election or withdrawing from candidacy.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit lobbying within the West Virginia Legislature by persons who are registered candidates for the State Senate or House of Delegates.

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