

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2812**

By Delegate Longanacre

[Introduced January 19, 2023; Referred to the  
Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §4-1-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 19313, as amended, relating to  
2 requiring the Legislature to conduct all official business at the State Capitol.

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

**ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES; APPROPRIATIONS;  
INVESTIGATIONS; DISPLAY OF FLAGS; RECORDS; USE OF CAPITOL  
BUILDING; PREFILING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS; STANDING  
COMMITTEES; INTERIM MEETINGS; NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.**

**§4-1-1. Interim committee and subcommittee meetings.**

1 (a) Either house of the Legislature may, by resolution, direct any select committee unique  
2 to that house or any standing committee of that house and created by it by rule, motion or  
3 resolution to meet between regular sessions of the Legislature. The presiding officer of such  
4 house may designate subcommittees of such standing or select committees and shall designate  
5 the chairman and membership thereof. Such committees or subcommittees shall function  
6 according to the rules for committees of the house creating them.

7 Members of such committees or subcommittees under this subsection, performing duties  
8 as members thereof, shall receive travel expense reimbursement as provided in §4-2A-6 of this  
9 code and interim expense reimbursement as provided in §4-2A-8 of this code. However, to be  
10 eligible to receive travel expense reimbursement and interim expense reimbursement, meetings  
11 of these select committees and subcommittees thereof must be authorized by the rules committee  
12 of such house. Expenses shall be paid from any appropriation to the use and benefit of the house  
13 adopting the resolution.

14 Such committees or subcommittees shall have such staff as may be directed by the  
15 presiding officer of that house from which its membership is drawn, which may be paid for from  
16 appropriations to the use and benefit of such house, as designated by the rules committee thereof.

17 (b) From the date of adjournment sine die of any regular session of the Legislature until the

18 first day of the next succeeding regular session of the Legislature, the Legislature by concurrent  
19 resolution, or the Joint Committee on Government and Finance on its own motion, may appoint a  
20 joint standing committee or a joint select committee, or any joint subcommittee of such standing or  
21 select committee, to function under the supervision of the Joint Committee on Government and  
22 Finance. Any such committee or subcommittee shall be composed of the standing or select  
23 committees of the respective houses having similar titles or jurisdiction, and similarly constituted,  
24 and the membership thereof shall be composed of members of the respective standing or select  
25 committees of each house, or subcommittees thereof, or be designated by the presiding officer of  
26 each house: *Provided*, That the membership of such joint committee or subcommittee may be  
27 drawn from more than one such standing or select committee.

28 (c) Members of the Legislature performing interim duties as members of the Joint  
29 Committee on Government and Finance, the commission on interstate cooperation, the joint  
30 committee on government operations, the legislative commission on pensions and retirement, the  
31 legislative rule-making review committee, the commission on special investigations, standing  
32 committees of the Senate and of the House of Delegates, and authorized subcommittees of each  
33 of the above committees and commissions are authorized to meet between regular sessions of the  
34 Legislature, subject to the direction of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance. Members  
35 of the Legislature performing interim duties as a member of said committees or commissions, or  
36 subcommittees thereof, under this subsection, shall receive interim compensation as provided in  
37 §4-2A-5 of this code; travel expense reimbursement as provided in §4-2A-6 of this code; and  
38 interim expense reimbursement as provided in §4-2A-8 of this code. However, to be eligible to  
39 receive the interim compensation, travel expense reimbursement and interim expense  
40 reimbursement, payment must be authorized by the Joint Committee on Government and  
41 Finance.

42 The Joint Committee on Government and Finance shall coordinate meetings, of said  
43 committees and commissions, and subcommittees thereof, between regular sessions of the

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45 Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, all official business of the  
46 Legislature, including interim sessions, emergency sessions, regular sessions, or caucus  
47 meetings shall be conducted at the State Capitol and within facilities therein designated for these  
48 purposes.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Legislature to conduct all official business at the State Capitol.

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