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INTRODUCTORY

The last complete revision of the Rules of the House of Delegates was in 1935. The rules as adopted at that time will be found in the Journal of the House of Delegates, Regular Session, 1935, pages 45-78.

Since then a number of new rules have been adopted and others amended. All amendments and additions are indicated herein by means of a reference to the Journal showing the session at which the amendment was adopted. HR indicates House Resolution.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE

The House of Delegates consists of one hundred members. Delegates are elected for a term of two years. The boundaries of the current one hundred single member districts were established by an Act of the Legislature. (Ch. 35, Third Extraordinary Session, 2021.)

QUALIFICATIONS

No person shall be a Delegate who has not for one year next preceding his election, been a resident within the district or county from which he is elected, and if a Delegate remove from the district or county for which he was elected, his or her seat shall be thereby vacated. (Const., Art. VI, Sec. 12.)

No person holding any other lucrative office or employment under this State, the United States, or any foreign government; no member of Congress; and no person who is sheriff, constable, or clerk of any court of record, shall be eligible to a seat in the Legislature. (Const., Art. VI, Sec. 13.)

No person who has been, or hereafter shall be, convicted of bribery, perjury, or other infamous crimes, shall be eligible to a seat in the Legislature. No person who may have collected or been entrusted with public money, whether State, county, township, district or other municipal organization, shall be eligible to the Legislature, or to any office of honor, trust, or profit in this State, until he shall have duly accounted for and paid over such money according to law. (Const., Art. VI, Sec. 14.)

No Senator or Delegate, during the time for which he shall have been elected, shall be elected or appointed to any civil office of profit under this State, which has been created, or the emoluments of which have been increased during such term, except offices to be filled by election by the people. Nor shall any member of the Legislature be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract with the State, or any county thereof, authorized by any law passed during the term for which he shall have been elected. (Const., Art. VI, Sec. 15.)

OATHS

Members of the House of Delegates, before they enter upon their duties, shall take and subscribe to the following oaths or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, and faithfully discharge the duties of Delegate according to the best of my ability, and that I will not accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, from any corporation, company, or person, for any vote or influence I may give or withhold, as Delegate, on any bill, resolution or appropriation, or for any act I may do or perform as Delegate." These oaths shall be administered in the hall of the house to which the member is elected, by a Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, or of a Circuit Court, or by any other person authorized by law to administer an oath; and the Secretary of State shall receive and file said oaths subscribed by each member; and no other oath or declaration shall be required as a qualification.

Any member who shall refuse to take the oath herein prescribed, shall forfeit his seat; and any member who shall be convicted of having violated the oath last above required to be taken, shall forfeit his seat and be disqualified thereafter from holding any office of profit or trust in this State. (Const., Art. VI, Sec. 16.)

Under authority of Ch. 4, Art. 1, Sec. 6 of the Code of West Virginia, the presiding officer or Clerk of either house may administer the oaths of office to any member or officer of such house.

PRIVILEGED FROM CIVIL ARREST

Members of the Legislature shall, in all cases except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during the session, and for ten days before and after the same; and for words spoken in debate, or any report, motion or proposition made in either house, a member shall not be questioned in any other place. (Const., Art. VI, Sec. 17.)

COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF MEMBERS

Compensation and expenses of members are fixed by the combined action of the Citizens Legislative Compensation Commission, created by Article VI, Section 33, of the Constitution. The Commission submits a resolution to the Legislature establishing compensation for members and allowances for travel and expenses of members in connection with their legislative service. The recommendations of the Commission are thereafter enacted into general law. The Legislature may reduce but shall not increase any item of compensation or expense allowance established by the Commission.

The amendment to the Constitution providing for this method of fixing legislative salaries and expenses was ratified by the voters at the general election in 1970.

The Citizens Legislative Compensation Commission is required by the Constitution to submit its determination of compensation and expenses every four years.

ASSEMBLY OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE TWO HOUSES

The Legislature assembles annually in regular session at the seat of government on the second Wednesday of January, and not oftener unless convened by the Governor. The custom is for each house to convene at 12:00 o'clock noon. Upon convening in odd-numbered years, each house proceeds to organize by the election of officers for two-year terms. Under the Constitution, the oldest member of each house in point of continuous service present at the assembly of each new Legislature, presides over such house until a presiding officer is elected and takes his seat—a President of the Senate and a Speaker of the House of Delegates. If two or more members have equal continuous service, the one agreed upon by such members or chosen by them by lot calls his house to order and presides over it until a President or Speaker, as the case may be, is elected.

The practice is for the Clerks of the previous houses to call the oldest member in point of continuous service to the chair to preside until a presiding officer is elected.

The session is then opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, following which a list of the members-elect and notices of contested elections are received. The roll is then called and the oath of office administered to the members determined to have been elected.

Upon the conclusion of the above formalities, the Senate is ready to proceed to elect a President and the House of Delegates a Speaker. Following the election of these officers, each house then proceeds to the election of other officers, i.e., a Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeeper.

It is then in order for each house by resolution to adopt rules governing legislative proceedings and each to inform the other of its organization. Then a concurrent resolution is adopted raising a joint committee to wait upon the Governor to inform him that the Legislature is organized and in readiness to receive any message or communication he may desire to present.

However, at the session of the Legislature following each general election at which a Governor and other officials of the executive department are elected, immediately upon the organization of the two houses, they shall meet in Joint Assembly in the Hall of the House of Delegates, where the Speaker, before proceeding to any other business, opens and publishes the election returns in the presence of a majority of each house. (Const., Art. VII, Sec. 3.)

Ordinarily, the Governor appears before a Joint Assembly to deliver his annual message. He advises the Legislature that he would be pleased to address a Joint Assembly and the Legislature by resolution provides for the two houses to assemble for this purpose.

LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

The regular session of the Legislature held in 1973 and every fourth year thereafter shall meet on the second Wednesday of January, and, after organization of each house by the election of officers and opening and publishing election returns, shall then adjourn until the second Wednesday of February following. Such sessions, upon reconvening, shall not exceed sixty calendar days computed from reconvening, shall not exceed sixty calendar days computed from and including the second Wednesday of February. Regular sessions held in all other years shall not exceed sixty days.

Any regular session may be extended by a concurrent resolution adopted by a vote of two thirds of the members elected to each house.

EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS

The Constitution provides two methods for initiating the convening of extraordinary sessions.

It is the duty of the Governor to convene the Legislature on application in writing of three fifths of the members elected to each house. (Const., Art. VI, Sec. 19.)

He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene it at his own instance; but when so convened the Legislature shall enter upon no business except that stated in the proclamation by which it was called together. (Const., Art. VII, Sec. 7.)

RESIGNATIONS AND FILLING OF VACANCIES

Resignations of members of the House should be made to the Speaker, Governor and chair of the executive committee of the party of which the member belongs in the county or delegate district from which he or she was elected.

Vacancies in the House are filled by an appointment by the Governor, in each instance from a list of three qualified persons submitted by the county or delegate district party executive committee. (Ch. 3, Art. 10, §5 of the Code.)

RULES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Officers and Their Compensation

1. The House, at the commencement of each Legislature, shall elect a Speaker, Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Doorkeeper. All officers, except the Speaker, shall receive such compensation as the House may determine.

Vote to Elect Officers

2. In the election of officers by the House, the vote shall be given by calling of the roll, and a majority of the whole number of votes given, a quorum being present, shall be necessary to elect. If, upon any vote, there be no election, the person having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and any votes thereafter given to such person shall not be taken into the counting to affect the result in any way. But if two or more have the lowest and equal number of votes, they may be voted for again. If there is only one nominee, the vote may be done by acclamation. A question before the House, or in committee of the whole, shall not be voted on by ballot. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Required the election of officers be by roll call instead of *viva voce*.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Clarified that the election of officers is to be done verbally.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Technical cleanup.

DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF THE SPEAKER

Call to Order

3. The Speaker shall take the chair on each legislative day at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned; call the members to

order and, after prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, if a quorum is present, proceed to the order of business. (HR21, Reg. Sess., 1985; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017)

Effect of the 1985 amendment. The Pledge of Allegiance was added to the Call to Order.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Deleted the word “precisely” following the words “each legislative day”; and deleted the words “shall immediately” preceding the words “call the members”.

Preservation of Order

4. The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum while the House is in session; enforce the rules and orders of the House; prescribe the order in which business shall come up for consideration, subject to the rules and orders of the House; announce the question of business before the House when properly requested by any member; receive all messages and communications; put to vote all questions which are properly moved; announce the result of all votes and authenticate, when necessary, the acts and proceedings of the House.

Decorum in Debate

5. In debate, the Speaker shall prevent all personalities and confine members to the question under discussion, but he or she shall not engage in any debate, or propose his or her opinion on any question without first calling some other member to the chair, except as otherwise provided by these rules or other rules applicable to the proceedings of the House. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Added the phrase “except as otherwise provided by these rules or other rules applicable to the proceedings of the House” at the end of the first sentence and changed “arise” to “seek recognition” in the last sentence.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Removed language “When two or more members seek recognition at the same time, the Speaker shall name the one entitled to the floor.”

Questions of Order; Appeal the Decision of the Chair

6. The Speaker shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the House when demanded by any ten members, or, if in committee, ten percent of the members of the committee. The Speaker or Chair may speak to questions of order from the chair in preference to other members, and may make the concluding speech on any appeal from his or her decision, notwithstanding, he or she may have before spoken on the question; but no other members shall speak more than once on such appeal without leave of the House. If an appeal of the decision of the Chair is put before the House, the Speaker shall vacate the chair, and the Speaker Pro Tempore, as appointed by the Speaker, shall preside, and the question shall be “Shall the decision of the Chair be and remain the decision of the House?” And if a majority of the members present vote in the affirmative, the decision of the Chair shall stand.

When properly requested by a member, the Speaker shall inform the House upon any point of order or practice pertinent to the business before it. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Clarified that ten percent of Members in a committee may demand an appeal of the Chair, and clarified that the Speaker may speak to questions of order from the chair.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral and added the last two sentences to the first paragraph.

Preserving Order in Galleries

7. The Speaker shall have general control of the House Chamber, lobbies, and rooms and of the corridors and passages in that part of the Capitol assigned to the use of the House. In case of any disorderly conduct or disturbance in the corridors, passages or

galleries; including but not limited to, signs, audible displays, flash photography or standing in the galleries; he or she shall have the power to order the same to be cleared, and may cause any person guilty of such disturbance or disorderly conduct to be brought before the bar of the House. In all such cases the members present may take such measures to prevent a repetition of such misconduct, either by the infliction of censure or such other penalty, as may be authorized by law, on the parties thus offending, as the House may deem best. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Clarified that audible displays, flash photography or standing in the galleries is prohibited.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Appointment of Speaker Pro Tempore, Presiding Officer in Absence of Speaker

8. The Speaker shall appoint a Speaker Pro Tempore, who, during the absence of the Speaker, shall perform all duties of the Speaker: Provided, That the Speaker may designate any member, other than the Speaker pro tempore, who, during the absence of the Speaker, shall preside until the Speaker returns to the chair. (HR20, Reg. Sess., 1979; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 1979 amendment. Created a Speaker Pro Tempore to preside and perform the duties of Speaker in the absence of the Speaker.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Deleted the proviso that read “Provided further, That the Speaker pro tempore or any other member hereunder designated shall so preside for a period not to exceed three consecutive legislative days, but for no longer period, except by special consent of the House.”

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Clarified that any member appointed by the Speaker may preside in the absence of the Speaker and deleted the limitation that such appointment shall not last past adjournment.

Appointment of House Employees

9. For the performance of services required by the House, at the beginning of each regular session of the Legislature, the Speaker shall appoint such persons to various positions, in such number as deemed necessary to efficiently carry on the work of the House.

At an extraordinary session of the Legislature only such persons designated for regular sessions as shall be necessary to perform the duties incident to the work of the session shall be appointed for the extraordinary session. Such persons as are appointed shall be selected with due regard to experience and qualifications.

The compensation of all employees shall be fixed by resolution during each regular session. The Speaker may hire, discharge and adjust salaries of employees subsequent to the adoption of the resolution. (HR22, Reg. Sess., 1963; HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR2, Reg. Sess., 1971; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 1963 amendment. The rule was completely rewritten. A limitation was placed upon the number of persons to be employed by the House during sessions of the Legislature, positions designated and duties prescribed.

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The amendment substituted the word “employees” for the “attachés” in paragraph (1).

Effect of the 1971 amendment. As a result of the 1970 amendment to the Constitution providing for annual 60-day sessions of the Legislature, the rule was rewritten to remove provisions applicable to the former 30-day session. The amendment made changes in the first and second paragraphs of subdivision (3).

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Updated the rule to reflect the practices of the House and removed outdated job descriptions.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Deleted the words “as allowed by this rule” at the end of the last paragraph.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Deleted language to bring the rule into conformity with the practices of the House.

Appointment of Committees and Subcommittees

10. The Speaker shall appoint all committees, except when the House shall otherwise order. When the House authorizes the appointment of a committee, the Speaker may wait until the next legislative day to appoint the same.

The Speaker shall determine the membership, chair, vice chair and the subject matter jurisdiction of each standing committee and standing subcommittee. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The last paragraph was added to the rule.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral, and specified that the Chair or Vice Chair of a committee appoints a temporary Chair in their absence.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Removed language regarding temporary chairs and vice-chairs and committee jurisdictions.

Reference of bills

10a. The Speaker shall determine the subject matter of a bill or resolution and refer such, without printing, to the appropriate committee.

Chair of the Committee on Rules; Majority Leader as Vice Chair

11. The Speaker shall be an *ex officio* voting member and Chair of the Committee on Rules, and in the absence of the Speaker, the Majority Leader, as appointed by the Speaker, shall be the Vice Chair of the committee. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Clarified that the Speaker is a voting member of the Committee on Rules.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Added that the Majority Leader, as appointed by the Speaker, would serve as Vice Chair of the Committee on Rules in the absence of the Speaker.

Acts and Writs Signed by the Speaker

12. All acts shall be signed by the Speaker; and all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by the order of the House or any committee having authority to issue same shall be under his or her hand and attested by the Clerk. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Putting Questions

13. The Speaker shall rise to put a question but may state it sitting.

Vote of the Speaker

14. In all cases of a call of the yeas and nays, the Speaker shall vote, unless excused; in other cases he or she shall not be required to vote unless the House is equally divided, or unless his or her vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal and in case of such equal division the question shall be lost. When the yeas and nays are taken, the Speaker's name shall be called last. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

CLERK, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

CLERK

Examination of Journal

15. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to examine the Journal of the House, daily, before it is read and cause all errors and omissions therein to be corrected. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Provided that the Clerk, and not the Speaker, examines the Journal, to bring the rule into conformity with the practices of the House.

Charge of Clerical Business of House

16. The Clerk shall have charge and supervision of all the clerical business of the House, perform the duties imposed on the Clerk by law and the rules of the House and shall have charge of the Clerk's desk and shall see that no one is permitted therein except those assisting the Clerk. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Duties of Clerk

17. It shall be the Clerk's duty to read to the House all papers ordered to be read; to call the roll and note and report the absentees, when a call of the House is ordered; to call the roll and note the answers of members, when a question is taken by yeas and nays; to assist, under the direction of the Speaker, in taking the count when any vote of the House is taken; to notify committees of their appointment and the business referred to them; to superintend the execution of all printing ordered by the House. He or she shall attest all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House and shall certify to the passage of all bills, and to the adoption of all joint and concurrent resolutions by the Legislature. In addition to his or her other duties, the Clerk shall keep the accounts for pay and mileage of members, officers and employees, and for printing and other contingent expenses of the House and prepare and sign warrants or requisitions for the same.

The Clerk shall superintend the recording of the Journal of the proceedings, the engrossing and enrolling of bills, and shall cause to be kept and prepared for the printer the Daily Journal of the Proceedings of the House (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The word “employees” was substituted for “attachés”.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Clerk to Have Custody of All Records

18. The Clerk shall have the custody of all official records and papers of the House. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Removed language stating the clerk shall not allow records be taken from his or her possession without leave of the house.

Deputy Clerk

19. If the Clerk is unavailable, a deputy clerk may attend to the proceedings of the House. (HR22, Reg. Sess., 1963; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg., Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1963 amendment. The amendment brought the rule into conformity with Rule 9.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Specified that the Clerk may appoint personnel as authorized by resolution, rule or West Virginia Code.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Removes ability of clerk to hire and fire assistant clerks.

Clerk to Have Charge of All Printing; Corrections

20. The Clerk is authorized to correct errors and omissions, and make stylistic and technical changes to legislative documents or publications, including the Acts of the Legislature and the official bound Journal of the House to conform to legislative action.

The Clerk shall have supervision and charge of all printing done

for the House and the printer shall print only such documents and other matter as the Clerk authorizes. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Removed the word “public” to reflect the establishment of in-house printing.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Added language to clarify that the Clerk can correct errors and omissions.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Rewrote the rule to clarify that the Clerk has the authority to make stylistic and technical corrections to legislative documents.

Payment for Printing

21. Printing of bills and daily journals will be done in the Legislative Print Shop. Bound material and other legislative printing which cannot be done with machines owned or leased by the House of Delegates or the Joint Committee on Government and Finance will be contracted in accordance with Section 34, Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Updated the Rule to reflect current printing practices.

SERGEANT- AT-ARMS

Duties

22. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to attend the House and the Committee of the Whole during their sittings and to maintain order under the direction of the Speaker. He or she shall execute the commands of the House from time to time, together with such process, issued by the authority thereof, as shall be directed by the Speaker.

Under the direction of the Speaker, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall superintend the distribution of all documents and papers to be distributed to the members. He or she shall see that no person, except

those authorized to do so, disturbs or interferes with the desks of the members, or with the books, papers, etc., thereat.

(HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Technical amendment to bring the rule into conformity with the practices of the House.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral and removed language addressed in other rules.

DOORKEEPER

Duties

23. It shall be the duty of the Doorkeeper to attend the House during its sessions, and to have all messages announced. He or she shall have charge of the main door of the House Chamber during the sittings of the House, and shall see that the other doors are properly attended; have general charge and oversight of the assistant doorkeepers; detail such assistant doorkeepers for such general or special duties as the Sergeant-at-Arms may deem proper; assist the Sergeant-at-Arms in seeing that the rules relating to admission to the floor are strictly enforced, and shall perform such other duties as the Speaker or the House may order. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Added the word “House” to House Chamber.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Absence From the House

24. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he or she have leave, or be sick and unable to attend, but

any member who conscientiously believes that his or her absence is necessary to observe the Sabbath or other religious observance shall be excused from attending upon the House on that day. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Technical amendment to clarify the language.

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Every Member to Vote

25. Every member present when a question is put, or when his or her name is called, shall vote unless he or she is immediately and particularly interested therein, or the House excuses him or her. A motion to excuse a member from voting must be made before the House divides, or before the call of the yeas and nays is commenced, and it shall be decided without debate, except that the member making the motion may briefly state the reason therefor. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019)

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Members Shall Be in Places When Voting

26. While the yeas and nays are being taken every member shall be in his or her seat, as designated by the Speaker, and during the session of the House no person other than a member shall occupy the chair of a member. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021)

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Added the words “as designated by the Speaker”.

Quorum

27. A majority of all the members elected to the House shall be necessary to proceed to business; seven members may adjourn, and

ten members may order a call of the House, send for absentees, and make any order for their censure or discharge. On a call of the House, the doors shall not be closed against any member until his name shall have been called twice. [Const., Art. VI, §32]

When Less Than Quorum Present

28. In case a number less than a quorum of the House shall convene, they may send the Sergeant-at-Arms, or any other person or persons by them authorized, for any absent member as the majority of such members shall agree, at the expense of such absent members, respectively, unless such excuse for nonattendance shall be made as the House, when a quorum is convened, shall judge sufficient; and, in that case, the expense shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House. This rule shall apply to the first meeting of the House, at the legal time of meeting, as well as to each day of the session after the hour has arrived to which the House stood adjourned. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Taking Members into Custody

29. No member of the House shall be taken into custody by the Sergeant-at-Arms, on any question of complaint of breach of privilege, until the matter is examined by the Committee on Rules, and reported to the House of Delegates, unless by order of the Speaker of the House of Delegates. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967)

Effect of the 1967 amendment. Committee on Rules was substituted for the Committee on Elections.

Punishment of Members

30. The House of Delegates may punish its own members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected thereto, expel a member, but not twice for the same offense. [Const., Art. VI, §25]

Providing for Undisturbed Transaction of Business

31. The House of Delegates may punish, by imprisonment, any person not a member, for disrespectful behavior in its presence; for obstructing any of its proceedings, or any of its officers in the discharge of his duties, or for any assault, threat or abuse of any member for words spoken in debate; but such imprisonment shall not extend beyond the termination of the session. [Const., Art. VI, §26]

ORDER AND DECORUM IN DEBATE**Recognition and Decorum**

32. When a member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the House, he or she shall rise in his or her place and upon being recognized, respectfully address the presiding officer as “MR. SPEAKER” or “MADAM SPEAKER”, as may be appropriate, and proceed, confining himself or herself to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous or disrespectful language.

When a member arises and addresses the Chair, the Speaker may recognize him or her by name; but no member in debate shall designate another by name.

Signs, banners, placards, and other similar demonstrative devices are not permitted in the House Chamber while in session. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2026)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Technical amendment to clarify the language.

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Removed “When a member arises and addresses the Chair, the Speaker may recognize him or her by name; but no member in debate shall designate another by name.” Added language regarding demonstrative devices.

Effect of the 2026 amendment. Reinserted sentence that was inadvertently omitted when rules were adopted in 2025.

Recognition by the Chair

33. When two or more members shall rise or request recognition, the Speaker shall name the one who is to speak first, and the decision shall be final and not open to debate or appeal. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Added the word “or request recognition” and deleted the second sentence which read “However, in all other cases the member who shall rise first and address the Chair shall be first recognized.”

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Mover of Question to Have Preference in Debate

34. No question shall be debated until it has been propounded by the Speaker, and then the mover of the question shall have the right to open and close the debate thereon. When the question is the passage of a bill or adoption of a resolution, the Speaker may designate a member to explain the bill or resolution who shall have the right to open and close debate. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Added the last sentence to the rule, granting the Speaker the authority to designate a member to explain the bill or resolution who shall have the right to open and close debate on final reading.

Member Out of Order and Raising Points of Order or Inquiries of the Chair

35. When a member transgresses the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, by rising, announcing a point of order, and stating the specific rule and provision of the rule being violated when called upon by the Speaker, call him or her to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, but may be permitted, with leave of the House, to explain; and the House shall, if appealed to, decide the case, but without

debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member so called to order, he or she is at liberty to proceed; if the decision be against him or her, and the case requires it, he or she shall be liable to the censure of the House, or such other punishment as the House may properly impose.

Any member may at any time make an inquiry of the Chair by rising, announcing his or her inquiry and upon recognition by the Speaker, stating his or her point. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Added the procedure for raising points of order or inquiring of the Chair.

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Clarifies a member must state the specific rule and provision being violated when announcing a point of order.

Calling to Order for Words Spoken in Debate

36. If a member be called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling the member to order shall ask that the Clerk take down the words immediately spoken in debate by the member called to order. And no member shall be held to answer, or be subjected to the censure of the House, for words spoken in debate, if any other member has spoken or other business has intervened after the words were spoken and before the exception to them was taken. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Required the Clerk to take down the words spoken in debate instead of being repeated.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Decorum During Debate

37. When a member is speaking, no person may pass between the member and the Speaker. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Clarified language.

Limitation on Debate

38. No member shall speak except in his or her place. No member shall speak until recognized by the Speaker, and may not be recognized to speak more than once on a question, except by leave of the House: Provided, That yielding to answer a question shall not count toward the limit of speaking once set forth in this rule. Questions in the form of argument or debate are out of order. If a question be pending at the time of an adjournment and is renewed on the succeeding day, no member who shall have spoken once on the preceding day shall be permitted again to speak without leave of the House. The House by majority vote may limit debate on any question. A member recognized to ask questions does not count as speaking on the question. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Specified that a member that is asked to take to the floor to answer a question does not lose the right to speak twice on a question.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Brought the rule into conformity with parliamentary authorities by allowing a Member to only speak once during debate, without leave of the House.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Specified a member recognized to ask questions does not count as speaking to the question.

Members Not to Be Disturbed While Speaking

39. No one shall disturb or interrupt a member who is speaking, without his or her permission, except to call the Member to order if he or she be transgressing the rules. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Speaking Before Negative is Put

40. (Rescinded by HR1, January 11, 2017.)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

PUTTING QUESTIONS AND VOTING

Putting Questions; Division

41. All questions on which the yeas and nays are not taken shall be put in this form, to wit: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be) say 'Aye'," and after the affirmative vote is expressed, "As many as are opposed say 'No'." If the Speaker be in doubt as to the result, or if a division is called for by any member, the House shall divide. Those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats and be counted, and afterwards those in the negative. The count may be made by the Speaker, or, if he so directs, by the Clerk, or two members, one from each side, to be named for that purpose by the Speaker. When the result is ascertained, the Speaker shall rise and state the decision of the House. Such vote shall not be printed in the Journal unless the yeas and nays are called for by ten percent of the members present. (HR3, 1stEx. Sess., 1968; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1968 amendment. The language of the rule was modified slightly.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Removed the word "distinctly" in the first sentence after the words "shall be put".

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Changed one tenth to ten percent.

Yeas and Nays

42. The yeas and nays shall be taken on motions to dispense with the constitutional rule requiring a bill to be fully and distinctly read on three different days and on fixing the effective date of an act

of the Legislature; on agreeing to a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State; on the passage of a bill notwithstanding the objections of the governor; on the passage of a supplementary appropriation bill; on the passage of bills on third reading; on the passage of a House bill amended by the Senate; on all questions where a specific vote is required by the Constitution, the joint rules of the Senate and House of Delegates, or by these rules; on quorum calls; and on questions when called for by ten percent of the members present.

The result of all votes taken by yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal. When the yeas and nays are inserted on the Journal, the result of the vote as to total yeas, nays and absentees shall be recorded, and the names of the Delegates voting yea or nay, whichever is the smaller number, and the names of Delegates absent and not voting shall be inserted on the Journal. The names of Delegates omitted shall constitute the vote on the prevailing side.

When the yeas and nays are called for by a member on any question, the Speaker shall hold this demand in abeyance until debate has closed upon the question under consideration, or until the previous question has been moved and sustained.

Upon calls of the House, in taking the yeas and nays, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically, except the name of the Speaker shall be called last. (HR19, Reg. Sess., 1945; HR3, 1stEx. Sess., 1968; HR2, Reg. Sess., 2003; HR7, Reg. Sess., 2007; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1945 amendment. Eliminated requirement for Clerk to read names of persons voting in the affirmative and the negative on roll calls when the voting machine is used, and prescribes when the Speaker shall put demand for yeas and nays.

Effect of the 1968 amendment. The amendment rewrote the rule.

Effect of the 2003 amendment. Provides for the taking of yeas and nays on the

passage of all bills and clarifies that one roll is sufficient to pass a group of bills on third reading, Consent Calendar.

Effect of the 2007 amendment. Removed the provision covering one roll call vote to pass third reading Consent Calendar bills and restated that a roll call is to be taken on all bills on third reading.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Deleted obsolete language.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Changed one tenth to ten percent.

Pairs

43. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; Rescinded by HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Removed the requirement that pairs must be made in person.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

Division of Question

44. Any member may move for a division of any question other than passage of a bill before the vote thereon is taken. If it comprehend propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition will remain for the decision of the House, but the member moving for the division of a question shall state in what manner he proposes it shall be divided. A motion to strike out and insert is indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither amendment nor motion to strike out and insert. A bill is not divisible on the floor of the House. If the matter of one bill would be better distributed into two, any part may be struck out by way of amendment and introduced as a new bill in accordance with Rule 92. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Added language clarifying that a bill is not divisible on third reading.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Calling of Yeas and Nays

45. No member or any person shall visit or remain by the Clerk's table while the yeas and nays are being called.

Tie Vote Loses Question

46. In all cases when the House is equally divided, the question shall be lost.

Verification of Vote

47. When a question upon which the yeas and nays have been taken has prevailed or failed by not more than five votes, the Speaker may, upon request of five members, order a verification of the vote. During such verification, no member shall change his vote unless it was erroneously recorded, nor may any member not having voted cast a vote. A verification must be called for immediately after a vote is announced and before any other business has intervened.

Explanation of Vote

48. No member shall be allowed to make any explanation of his or her vote during the taking of the yeas and nays; but after the roll has been called and the vote announced, any member may explain his or her vote by submitting a written explanation within 1 day after the vote to the Clerk which shall be recorded in the Journal if he or she requests it. A member may indicate in writing to the Clerk how the member voted on a voice vote or, if absent when any vote is taken, by submitting a written explanation to the Clerk within 1 day after the vote, how the member would have voted if present and it shall be noted in the Journal. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Added the last sentence to bring the rule into conformity with the practices of the House.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Removed oral explanation and replaced with written explanation of missed vote.

When Members Not to Vote

49. When a question is put, any member having a direct personal or pecuniary interest therein should announce this fact and request to be excused from voting. The member with such interest should advise the presiding officer of the facts which constitute the personal and pecuniary interest. If the presiding officer determines based upon the facts provided by the member that the interest is a direct personal or pecuniary interest and affects the member directly and not as a member of a class of five or more similarly situated persons or businesses then the presiding officer shall excuse the member from voting. If the presiding officer determines that the interest is not a direct personal or pecuniary interest or that the member is affected as a member of a class of five or more similarly situated persons or entities then the member shall be directed to vote on the question. (HR23, Reg. Sess., 1977; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017)

Effect of the 1977 Amendment. Provided that disqualifying interest must affect the member directly and not as one of a class.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Requests that members advise the presiding officer of a possible personal or pecuniary interest, and clarifies that a class of five or more is used in determining whether a member is a member of a class.

Voting by Machine

49a. A voting machine may be used in taking the yeas and nays on any question, for quorum calls and for determining the result when a division is demanded. When a vote is to be taken on the voting machine, the Speaker shall announce the question to be voted upon and direct the Clerk to prepare the machine. The Clerk shall then sound the gong which shall be notice to all members to vote. After reasonable time has been given all members to vote the Speaker shall ask the question, "Have all members voted?," vote himself or herself, and then direct the Clerk to close the machine

and ascertain the result. As soon as this is done, the Speaker shall promptly announce the result. No vote may be changed after it has been recorded.

No member shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member cast a vote for a member. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member may be expelled as a member of the House or punished in such other manner as the House may determine. If a person not a member shall vote or attempt to vote for any member, he or she shall be barred from the floor of the House for the remainder of the session and may be further punished in such manner as the House may deem proper, in addition to such punishment as may be prescribed by law.

All other rules governing voting and the taking of the yeas and nays, insofar as applicable, shall apply to taking votes by means of the voting machine. (HR1, 1stEx. Sess., 1936; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Deleted the requirement that the Clerk hand the record of the vote to the Speaker to bring the rule into conformity with the current practice of the House.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral and made technical changes.

MOTIONS

Stating the Question

50. When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the Speaker; or, being in writing, it shall be passed to the desk and read aloud by the Clerk before debate.

Form of Motion

51. Every motion, except subsidiary or incidental motions, shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any member desires it; but this exception shall not apply to motions to amend.

Withdrawal of Motions

52. After a motion is stated by the Speaker or read by the Clerk, it is deemed to be in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment, unless the previous question has been ordered, in which case it can only be withdrawn by leave of the House.

Order and Precedence of Motions

53. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except:

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. For the previous question.
4. To limit debate.
5. To postpone to a day certain.
6. To go into a Committee of the Whole on the pending question immediately.
7. To commit to a Committee of the Whole.
8. To commit to a Standing Committee.
9. To commit to a Select Committee.
10. To amend.

11. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall have precedence of another motion to amend; and if carried, the bill is rejected. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019)

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Added number 4, to limit debate, to the order and precedence of motions.

Motion to Adjourn

54. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when the House is voting, or while a member is addressing the House, or when no business has been transacted since the motion to adjourn has been defeated.

Motions Not Debatable

55. The following motions, and other non-debatable motions in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, shall be decided without debate and shall not be amended:

1. To adjourn.
2. To fix the time to which the House shall adjourn.
3. To lay on the table.
4. For the previous question.
5. To limit debate.
6. To suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days.
7. To recess.

8. Suspension of House Rules or Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Added number five, to limit debate, to the list of motions that are not debatable.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Included non-debatable motions in Jefferson's Manual.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the parliamentary authority from Jefferson's Manual to Mason's Manual to conform to Rule 135.

Motions Not in Order

56. All appropriations shall be made either (i) in the budget bill or (ii) in a bill providing for a supplementary appropriation. No motion directing the appropriation or payment of money shall be in order unless it be a motion to amend the budget bill or a bill providing for a supplementary appropriation. (HR101, 1st Ex. Sess., 2024)

Effect of the 2024 amendment. Clarified that amendments can be made to the budget bill and supplementary appropriations bills.

Effect of Indefinite Postponement

57. When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be again acted on during the session.

Motion to Reconsider

58. After any question has been decided in the affirmative or in the negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move for a reconsideration of the vote thereon at any time on the same day or the next succeeding day of actual session. When the yeas and nays have not been recorded in the Journal, any member, irrespective of whether he or she voted with the prevailing side or not, may make the motion to reconsider. If the House refuse to reconsider, or upon reconsideration shall affirm

its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order unless by unanimous consent. No vote shall be reconsidered upon motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to take from the table, or for the previous question.

The motion to reconsider may be put and acted upon when made. If seconded, it shall take precedence of all other questions, except the consideration of a conference report and the motion to adjourn, and unless by motion postponed until some future date be acted upon at once. When a motion to reconsider is made and not acted upon at the time, it shall be placed upon the calendar, under unfinished business, and be acted upon the next day of actual sitting of the House. A motion to reconsider shall not be withdrawn without leave of the House.

No bill, resolution, message, report, amendment or motion, upon which a motion is pending to reconsider the vote thereon, shall be taken out of the possession of the House until final disposition of the motion to reconsider. No motion for reconsideration of the vote on any question, which has gone out of the possession of the House, shall be in order, unless subsequently recalled by vote of the House and in possession of the Clerk.

When a motion to reconsider has been carried, its effect shall be to place before the House the original question in the exact position it occupied before it was voted upon. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The amendment rewrote the rule.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Debate on Motions to Reconsider

59. Debate shall be allowed on a motion to reconsider only when the question which it is proposed to reconsider is debatable. Where debate upon a motion to reconsider is in order, no member shall speak more than once nor for a longer period than three minutes.

Reconsideration of Question Requiring More than Majority Vote

60. When a majority of members present vote in the affirmative on any question, but the question be lost because it is one in which the concurrence of a greater number than a majority of a quorum is necessary to an affirmative decision, any member may move for a reconsideration.

Motion to Table

61. A motion to lay on the table shall only have the effect of disposing of the matter temporarily, and may be taken from the table at any time after the ninth order of business has been passed. A motion to lay on the table, or a motion to take from the table, is not debatable and shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present. A motion to table a subsidiary motion does not affect the primary motion. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Added “A motion to lay on the table, or a motion to take from the table, is not debatable and shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.”

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Added “A motion to table a subsidiary motion does not affect the primary motion.”

Motion Must Be Germane

62. No motion on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

Previous Questions

63. When any question is before the House, any member who has not spoken on the question, when properly recognized, may move the previous question. Any demand for the previous question must be sustained by one tenth of the members present. If sustained, the motion for the previous question shall be put by the Speaker,

without debate, in the form of “Shall the question on _____ now be put? If the motion for the previous question is adopted by a majority vote of members present, that question shall be put to a vote without further debate: Provided, That if the question is passage of the bill or adoption of a resolution, the Member recognized by the Speaker pursuant to Rule 34 to explain the bill or resolution shall be provided five minutes to close debate. If the question at issue is an amendment, the Member that is the lead sponsor of the amendment shall be provided three minutes to close debate.

When a member moves the previous question, he or she shall specifically state in his or her motion whether it shall apply to the main question and the amendments or to the amendment or amendments only. If the motion applies to the main question and the amendments, separate votes shall be taken on each pending amendment and the main question without further debate, except for the Member having the right to close on the question pursuant to this Rule.

The previous question shall not be admitted in the Committee of the Whole. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR5, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2017 amendments. Outlined the procedure to be used when moving the previous question. The rule also clarified what procedure is followed when the motion is adopted.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

MEETING OF THE HOUSE

Time of Meeting

64. The House shall meet every day, except Sunday, unless it shall be otherwise directed by special order, at the hour to which it shall have adjourned at its last sitting; but if no hour were fixed at such sitting, then at eleven o'clock A.M. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Changed the time from two p.m. to eleven a.m. to reflect the normal meeting time of the House.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Daily

65. The daily order of business shall be as follows:

- I. To read, correct, and approve the Journal.
- II. Introduction of guests.
- III. To receive and consider reports of standing committees.
- IV. To receive and consider reports of select committees.
- V. To receive and consider messages from the Executive, state officials, and other communications and remonstrances.
- VI. To receive messages from the Senate, and consider amendments proposed by the Senate to bills passed by the House.
- VII. To introduce resolutions.
- VIII. To receive petitions.
- IX. Bills introduced on motion for leave and referred to appropriate committees.
- X. Motions.
- XI. To act on unfinished business of the preceding day, and resolutions reported from its final committee the previous day.

XII. House and Senate Bills on third reading.

XIII. House and Senate Bills on second reading.

XIV. House and Senate Bills on first reading.

XV. To act upon leave of absence for members.

XVI. Introduction of Guests.

XVII. Miscellaneous business.

XVIII. Remarks by members of the House (held on each Wednesday, if requested by any member, and at a time designated by the Speaker). (HR10, Reg. Sess., 2001; HR3, Reg. Sess., 2002; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR19, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR 9, Reg. Sess., 2022; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2001 amendment. Item II language is new, and original item II was moved to the end of the order, appearing as XIII.

Effect of the 2002 amendment. Item XIV language is new, and original item XIV was moved to the end of the order, appearing as XV. Also, after the forty-seventh day of a regular session, there will not be an order of business for remarks of members.

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Added another order of business, Item XV, introduction of guests.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Language was added to facilitate a time for Members to make remarks if requested by a Member for the 2021 Regular Session.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Specified that remarks by members be held on each Wednesday, unless otherwise directed by the Speaker, following the first day of session through the fifty-seventh day.

Effect of the 2022 amendment. Rearranged last three orders of business and specified that Remarks by members will occur each Wednesday during the floor session.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Rearranged the order of business and made “Resolutions”, “Petitions” and “Motions” separate items within the order of business.

Introductions of Guests

65a. The House shall observe two opportunities on each day for any member, upon recognition, to introduce to the House citizens seated in the galleries. (HR33, Reg. Sess., 1978; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR 9, Reg. Sess., 2022)

Effect of the 1978 amendment. Provided for the introduction to the House of citizens in the galleries.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Eliminated the language that restricted the recess to no longer than five minutes without leave of the Speaker.

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Clarified that the House would only observe two opportunities to introduce guests.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. For the 2021 Regular Session, provided that the Majority Leader and/or Speaker Pro Tempore shall make all introduction of guests.

Effect of the 2022 amendment. Deleted a proviso which applied to the 2021 Regular Session.

Priority of Business

66. All questions relating to priority of business shall be decided without debate.

Special Orders

67. Any subject made a special order of business shall be laid before the House by the Speaker, or may be called up by any member, when the time fixed for its consideration arrives. If not called up or acted upon at the time fixed, it shall lose its standing as a special order.

Reports and Messages Receivable at Any Time

68. Messages from the Governor and Senate, communications and reports from state officers, reports from the Committee on Rules, reports from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reports from standing committees, and reports of Conference Committees may be received at any time when the House is not actually engaged in taking a vote on some question, in which case it shall be received as soon as the result of the vote is announced. When received it shall be disposed of as the House may direct. Messages and reports received by the Clerk after *sine die* adjournment, which do not require actions by the House, shall be considered received by the House and filed with the Clerk and shall be recorded in the Journal. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1967 amendment. Reports from the Committee on Elections were removed from the rule due to another amendment abolishing the committee and transferring its jurisdiction with respect to questions involving the election and qualification of members to the Committee on Rules.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Added language to the rule regarding the practice which allows messages and reports, which require no further House action, received after adjournment *sine die* to be included in the Journal.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Added reports from standing committees may be received at any time.

Consideration of Local Bills

69.(Rescinded by HR1, January 11, 2017)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

Special Calendar

70. The Committee on Rules shall arrange a Special Calendar and the consideration of bills on this calendar shall take precedence over the regular House calendar.

All bills or resolutions or other matters of business reported from committee, and having no additional committee reference, shall, unless referred to a second committee by the Speaker, automatically be placed by the Clerk on the Special Calendar, and no bill, resolution, or other matter of business shall be removed from the Special Calendar and placed on the regular House Calendar except by a majority vote of the Committee on Rules, a quorum being present. Once removed from the Special Calendar, any resolution, bill or other matter of business may only be again placed on the Special Calendar by a majority vote of the Committee on Rules, a quorum being present.

The Committee on Rules shall cause to be kept a record of all roll call votes on all questions pertaining to preparation of the Special Calendar and removing the same therefrom. This record of votes shall show those voting in the affirmative or those voting in the negative, whichever shall be the smaller number, and those absent and not voting. These vote records shall be prepared and following the adjournment of each meeting made available to House members and to the public. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Implemented a Special Calendar beginning on the 31st Day of the Regular Session and during any extraordinary session unless the House otherwise directs.

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Deleted the words that read “by a majority vote of the members present, beginning on the thirtieth day of each Regular Session and the commencement of any Extraordinary Session” in the first paragraph, and deleted the words “Beginning on the thirty-first day of each Regular Session and the commencement of any Extraordinary Session” in the second paragraph.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Specified that the Committee on Rules shall arrange a Special Calendar.

Consent Calendar

70a. (HR36, Reg. Sess., 2002; HR2, Reg. Sess., 2003; Rescinded by HR6, January 16, 2007.)

Effect of the 2002 amendment. Established a Consent Calendar.

Effect of the 2003 amendment. Completely rewrote the rule.

Effect of the 2007 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

COMMITTEES

Kinds of Committees

71. Committees may be of five kinds, namely: Committee of the Whole House, Standing Committees, Standing Subcommittees, Select or Special Committees, and Conference Committees. (HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Added Standing Subcommittees.

Committee of the Whole

72. The House may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole at any time on the motion of any member, and in forming a Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall leave the Chair and a Chair shall be appointed by him or her to preside over said committee. It shall consider and report on such subjects as may be committed to it by the House. The proceedings in Committee of the Whole shall not be recorded on the Journal except so far as reported to the House by the Chair of the Committee. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Rules of Proceeding in the Committee of the Whole

73. The rules of proceeding in the House shall be observed, as far as practicable, in Committee of the Whole, except that any member may speak oftener than once on the same subject, but the member shall not speak a second time until every member desiring to speak shall have spoken; nor shall a motion for the previous question nor

a motion to lay on the table or to adjourn be made therein. The yeas and nays need not be taken in Committee of the Whole. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Brought the rule into conformity with Rule 38 and changed the language to be gender neutral.

Consideration of Bills in Committee of the Whole

74. Upon demand by any member, bills committed to a Committee of the Whole House shall, in Committee of the Whole, be read by sections. All amendments made shall be noted by the Clerk and reported to the House by the Chair. After being reported to the House, the bill shall again be subject to amendment before a vote on the report is taken. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Motion to Rise Decided Without Debate

75. A motion that the Committee of the Whole rise shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

Standing Committees and Standing Subcommittees

76. The following standing committees and standing subcommittees are established:

Standing committees are hereby created as follows:

1. Education

A. Public Education Subcommittee

B. Higher Education Subcommittee

C. Educational Choice Subcommittee

2. Finance

- A. Revenue Subcommittee
- B. Banking and Insurance Subcommittee
- C. Investments Subcommittee
- D. Appropriations Subcommittee

3. Government Organization

- A. Government Administration Subcommittee
- B. Local Governments Subcommittee
- C. Agriculture, Commerce and Tourism Subcommittee

4. Health and Human Resources

- A. Public Health Subcommittee
- B. Human Services Subcommittee
- C. Health Care Regulation Subcommittee

5. Judiciary

- A. Courts Subcommittee
- B. Homeland Security Subcommittee
- C. Legal Services Subcommittee

6. Energy and Public Works

- A. Energy and Manufacturing Subcommittee
- B. Economic Development Subcommittee

C. Environment, Infrastructure and Technology
Subcommittee

(HR13, Reg. Sess., 1945; HR4, Reg. Sess., 1947; HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR4, Reg. Sess., 1977; HR6, Reg. Sess., 1981; HR24, Reg. Sess., 1986; HR 4, Reg. Sess., 1996; HR2, Reg. Sess. 2001; HR2, Reg. Sess., 2003; HR2, Reg. Sess., 2005; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2009; HR4, Reg. Sess., 2014; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR3, Reg. Sess., 2018; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2019; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1945 amendment. Established a Standing Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Effect of the 1947 amendment. Reduced number of standing committees from 29 to 24; changed the membership of committees from not less than seven nor more than twenty-five to not less than eleven nor more than twenty-five; and changed the number of members of the Committee on Rules from seven to not less than five nor more than nine.

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The principal change was the reduction of the number of standing committees from 24 to 13. Some provisions of the old rule were embodied in amendments to other rules made at this time.

Effect of the 1977 amendment. Established a Standing Committee on Government Organization.

Effect of the 1981 amendment. Removed Committee on State and Federal Affairs from Standing Committees.

Effect of the 1986 amendment. Changed Committee on Health and Welfare to Health and Human Resources.

Effect of the 1996 amendment. Established the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Effect of the 2001 amendment. Expanded the duties and changed the Committee on Industry and Labor to the Committee on Industry and Labor, Economic Development and Small Business.

Effect of the 2003 amendment. Renamed the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security.

Effect of the 2005 amendment. Added the Committee on Pensions and Retirement as a standing committee of the House.

Effect of the 2009 amendment. This amendment separated the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources into two separate committees. It also expanded the duties and changed the name of the Committee on Industry and Labor, Economic Development and Small Business to the Committee on Energy, Industry and Labor, Economic Development and Small Business. Additionally, it added the Committee on Senior Citizen Issues as a Standing Committee of the House.

Effect of the 2014 amendment. Combined the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Natural Resources into one committee; removed the Committee on Constitutional Revision from the Standing Committees; and separated the Committee on Energy, Industry and Labor, Economic Development and Small Business into two separate committees.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Established a Standing Committee on Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse.

Effect of the 2018 amendment. Added the Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services.

Effect of the 2019 amendment. Changed the name of Roads and Transportation to Technology and Infrastructure, and changed the name of Senior Citizen Issues to Senior, Children, and Family Issues.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Added "and Manufacturing" to name of the Committee on Energy and changed name of Industry and Labor to Workforce Development.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Renamed the Committee on Economic Development, Entrepreneurship and Small Business to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism; and created a Standing Committee on Jails and Prisons.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Reorganized committee structure, added Standing Subcommittees.

The Committee on Rules

77. The Committee on Rules shall consist of not less than 15 nor more than 25 members, which number shall include the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader and shall be made proportionate to representation of parties in the House. The Committee on Rules shall:

- (a) Set the Special Calendar as provided in Rule 70;
- (b) Review and discuss House rules, joint rules, order of business and parliamentary rules in general;
- (c) Review and consider the election and qualification of member of the House and state officers, privileges of members and officers of the House;
- (d) Recommend that appropriate punishment of members of the House for disorderly conduct or breach of privilege; and recommend the appropriate punishment of any person not a member for contempt, disrespectful behavior in the presence of the House, obstructing its proceedings, and for any assault, threat or abuse of a member of the House;
- (e) Act upon a complaint from a person alleging misconduct, which includes sexual harassment and retaliation, a violation of state law, or a violation of this code of ethics by a member;
- (f) Review and consider resolutions referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 110.
- (g) The rules committee may, by a majority vote on the members present, hold an executive session for the specific purposes of:
 - (1) Conducting committee discussion of legislative personnel;

- (2) Conducting committee discussion of state government personnel;
- (3) Considering and taking action on charges against a member of the House; or
- (4) Investigating accusations or taking testimony which, if publicly disclosed, might unjustly injure or unfairly reflect on the reputation of innocent persons.

A vote in executive session on a definitive action shall be made available to the public. (HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2025 amendment. The Jurisdiction of Committees was repealed.

Composition of Standing Committees and Standing Subcommittees

78. A standing committee shall consist of not less than 15 nor more than 25 members and may be made proportionate to representation of parties in the House. A subcommittee of a standing committee shall consist of not less than 7 nor more than 15 members and may be made proportionate to representation of parties in the House. If the membership of a recognized political party is less than ten percent of the house membership, the Speaker may appoint at least one member from that recognized political party. (HR4, Reg. Sess., 1947; HR2, Reg. Sess., 1957; HR22, Reg. Sess., 1963; HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR6, Reg. Sess., 1997; HR2, Reg. Sess., 2001; HR2, Reg. Sess. 2003; HR2, Reg. Sess., 2005; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2011; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2015; HR3, Reg. Sess., 2018; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1947 amendment. The rule was completely rewritten and the jurisdiction of the committee expanded and delineated.

Effect of the 1957 amendment. At this time the number of members of the Committee on Rules was contained in Rule 76 at not less than five nor more than nine. The amendment changed the number to not less than seven nor more than

twelve, and included the Speaker, majority leader and minority leader within the committee membership.

Effect of the 1963 amendment. The rule was rewritten expanding and detailing the duties and jurisdiction of the Committee on Rules. Among new duties given the committee were prescribing qualifications and recommending persons to fill positions under Rule 9.

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The amendment rewrote the rule fixing membership of all standing committees.

Effect of the 1997 amendment. The amendment increased the maximum number of members of the Committee on Rules by two.

Effect of the 2001 amendment. The amendment decreased the maximum number of members of the Committee on Rules by two.

Effect of the 2003 amendment. Increased the maximum number of members of the Committee on Rules by four.

Effect of the 2005 amendment. Increased the membership of the Committee on Rules and specified that the Speaker may set the number of members on the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

Effect of the 2011 amendment. The amendment increased the maximum number of members of the Committee on Rules from eighteen to twenty.

Effect of the 2015 amendment. The amendment increased the maximum number of members of the Committee on Rules to twenty-five.

Effect of the 2018 amendment. The amendment added the Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services and set the number of members to eleven.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Removed the requirement that the Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services only have eleven members and made technical corrections.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Added Standing Subcommittees to the title. Added proportionate party representation to committee composition.

Duties of Committees

79. A committee may consider matters specifically referred to it, and whenever deemed practicable suggest such legislation as will provide upon general principles for all similar cases in its subject matter jurisdiction.

A committee shall inquire into the condition and administration of the laws relating to the subjects which it has in charges; to investigate the conduct and look to the responsibility of all public officers and agents concerned; and to suggest such measure as will correct abuses, protect the public interests, and promote the public welfare.

The Chair of a committee may invite public officials, public employees and private individuals to appear before the committee for the purpose of submitting information to it. A committee may maintain a continuous review of the work of the state agencies concerned with its subject matter jurisdiction and the performance of the functions of government within its subject matter jurisdiction. The Chair of a committee may request reports from time to time, in a form as the standing committee or standing subcommittee designates, concerning the operation of any state agency and presenting any proposal or recommendation the agency may have with regard to existing laws or proposed legislation in its subject area. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1967 amendment. This rule, originally dealing with the duties of the Committee on Finance, was rewritten and made applicable to standing committees generally.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Added that committees may invite public and private individuals to appear before the committee for the purpose of submitting information. Added a committee may review state agencies within its subject matter jurisdiction.

Bill Not to Be Divided among Committees, Speaker May Direct Second Reference

80. A bill may not be divided among two or more committees although it may contain matters properly within the jurisdiction of several committees, but must be referred to one committee as an entirety.

When the Speaker is of the opinion that a bill should be considered by more than one committee, at the time of referring it, he or she may direct that when the committee to which it is referred completes its consideration thereof and makes a recommendation with respect thereto, the committee's report shall also recommend that it be referred to the additional committee or committees as directed by the Speaker. When a bill is so reported, it shall automatically be referred as directed, unless by unanimous consent the House shall dispense with such second reference. The Speaker may also, at the time a measure is reported from a committee, refer it to an additional committee. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021)

Effect of the 1967 amendment. This rule, originally applicable to the Committee on Claims only, was rewritten.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Added language to the rule that allows the Speaker to refer a bill at the time the bill is reported from a committee to which it had been referred.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Clarified language regarding additional committee references at the time a measure is reported from a committee.

Reports of Committees

81. A standing committee shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise. A standing committee shall submit its reports to the House, and the same shall be printed in the Journal. Reports of committees shall be advisory only.

A standing subcommittee shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise. A standing subcommittee shall submit its reports to its standing committee on any matter referred to it.

Effect of the 1947 amendment. Originally, this rule dealt with functions of the Standing Committee on Executive Offices and Library, which was rescinded by the amendment and successive rules renumbered.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Added language regarding standing subcommittee reporting to its standing committee.

Discharging Standing Committee or Standing Subcommittee from Consideration of Bill

82. (Floor) When a bill or resolution has been in the hands of a committee five legislative days after having been referred to it, the standing committee may be discharged from further consideration of the bill or resolution by a majority vote of all the members present, and a subcommittee may be discharged from further consideration of the bill or resolution by two-thirds vote of all the members present. The Chair of a committee may move that his or her committee be discharged from consideration of the matter at any time after commitment. A motion to discharge may be tabled.

(Standing Committee) When a bill or resolution has been in the hands of a standing subcommittee five legislative days after having been referred to it, the standing subcommittee may be discharged from further consideration of the bill or resolution by a majority vote of all the standing committee members present. The Chair of the standing committee or standing subcommittee may move that the standing subcommittee be discharged from consideration of the matter at any time after commitment. A motion to discharge may be tabled. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2026)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Deleted language at the end of the rule that

read “and after the fiftieth day of the session any member may move to discharge a committee from consideration of any bill or resolution at any time after the same has been referred to it”.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Added discharge requirements for standing subcommittees to the rule.

Effect of the 2026 amendment. Clarifying that motions to discharge are subject to a motion to lay upon the table.

Committee Meetings

83. A standing committee and standing subcommittee shall meet only within the dates, time, and locations designated or authorized by the Speaker. Meetings of a committee shall be upon a call of the Chair, but no committee shall sit during a session of the House without leave of the House. The chair of the committee shall determine the agenda for a committee meeting.

A committee shall administer oaths to any person, except current members or employees of the West Virginia Legislature, appearing before the committee at any meeting or during the deliberations of any committee. If any witness to whom an oath has been administered shall refuse to answer a question put to such witness by any member of the committee, the committee may report such refusal to the House and upon motion duly made by any member of the House, the House may cause to be issued a subpoena to compel such witness to appear before the committee to give testimony. Upon appearance pursuant to subpoena, the witness may be questioned by the Chair and any member of the committee. The Clerk of the House, the Chair of the committee and, in the absence of the Chair, any member of the committee may administer the oath to the witness and may require that such oath be subscribed to by the witness. (HR27, Reg. Sess., 1965; HR5, Reg. Sess., 1970; HR5, Reg. Sess., 1971; HR11, Reg. Sess., 1975; HR7, Reg. Sess., 1976; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025; HR1, Reg.

Sess., 2026)

Effect of the 1965 amendment. A provision was added at the end of the rule providing that no one not a member except the Clerk should be present in a committee when a vote was taken.

Effect of the 1970 amendment. The provision of the rule prohibiting anyone other than the clerk of a committee to be present when a vote was taken was changed to provide that all committee meetings except executive sessions should be open to the public.

Effect of the 1971 amendment. The last paragraph of the rule was added by the amendment.

Effect of the 1975 amendment. Inserted word “resolution” in the first two paragraphs following the word “bills”, and added the last paragraph as shown in the text above.

Effect of the 1976 amendment. Deleted paragraph providing for executive session to set special daily calendar.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral and made other technical corrections.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Removed executive sessions from the rule and moved it to 83c. Added ability of committee to administer oaths and issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to give testimony.

Effect of the 2026 amendment. Correcting typographical error.

Open Meetings

83a. A committee meeting shall be open to the public, except as provided for in Rule 83c. The Chair of a committee shall announce, or have announced, from the floor of the House, or by the Speaker or Clerk, during the session of the House, the time and place of the next meeting of the committee. In case of failure of the Chair of a committee to call a meeting of the committee, a member may request with fifty percent plus one or more of the members of the committee shall have a right to call a meeting of the committee.

An agenda shall be posted and made available to the public on the legislature's website. The agenda shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting, the number and short title of each bill or resolution to be considered, or a subject matter being considered. (HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Committee Process

83b. A bill, resolution or other legislative matter referred to a committee shall pass through a prescribed deliberative process before being reported to the House for consideration, unless it is sooner discharged from committee. To complete the deliberative process, the bill, resolution or other legislative matter shall undergo on separate days: a hearing; and a markup/discussion.

A hearing consists of examining proposed legislation; a sponsor explaining the legislation and answering questions; and the taking of testimony. The sponsors of legislation promulgating a legislative rule or "by request of the executive" are not required to explain the legislation. A motion to advance a bill, resolution or other legislative matter to markup/discussion does not compel further consideration.

A markup/discussion consists of the review and consideration of changes to legislation. A member proposing an amendment shall electronically submit the amendment to the clerk of the committee 2 hours before the posted committee meeting time. This deadline does not apply when a proposed committee substitute or proposed committee amendment is offered. A discussion consists of a committee counsel's explanation of the bill, amendments or substitute; questions of counsel; debate; and consideration of recommending action to the House. (HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Executive Session of a Committee

83c. A committee may, by a majority vote of the members present, hold an executive session for the specific purposes of: (1) conducting committee discussion of state government

personnel; or (2) investigating accusations or taking testimony which, if publicly disclosed, might unjustly injure or unfairly reflect on the reputation of innocent persons. A vote of any definitive action shall be made available to the public. (HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Filing of Prepared Statements

83d. A person may file with the committee clerk a prepared statement concerning a bill or resolution or matter under consideration by a committee placed upon an agenda, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of the statement and the date and time thereof. A prepared statement shall include an identifying name, zip code, and any affiliated organization. Upon receipt, the committee clerk shall place a prepared statement in the legislative chamber automation system. When prepared statements are identical in form or content, the clerk shall place in the chamber automation system the prepared statement with the total number of the duplicative communications received.

A person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in the prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. If the source of the statistical information is not provided, the Chair of the committee may decide not to accept the prepared statement. For the purposes of this rule, the term “source” shall mean a publication, website or person from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement. (HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Internet Broadcast Proceedings

84. Legislative proceedings in the House Chamber shall be broadcast live via the Internet on each legislative day of a session. Audio of the legislative proceedings occurring in House committee rooms shall be broadcast live via the Internet on each legislative day of a session. This audio shall be archived on the Legislature’s

website for the duration of the legislative session. The provisions of this rule shall apply only to legislative proceedings which occur in the State Capitol. The audio and video records created pursuant to this rule are not an official record of a legislative proceeding. The failure to broadcast or record a legislative proceeding does not prohibit legislative action or otherwise impair the business of the House. (HR 27, Reg. Sess., 1965; HR2, Reg. Sess., 1971; HR6, Reg. Sess., 2002; HR44, Reg. Sess., 2012; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1965 amendment. The amendment provided for committee hearings to be held either by the full committee or a subcommittee and directed that all hearing should be open to the public.

Effect of the 1971 amendment. The amendment rewrote the first paragraph and added the second paragraph.

Effect of the 2002 amendment. Clarified when public hearings shall be held and eliminates the necessity of holding duplicate hearings.

Effect of the 2012 amendment. The amendment completely rewrote the rule, setting forth details for requests for and the holding of, public hearings.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Revised and clarified guidelines for the committee hearing process and timelines of when public hearings are to be held.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Revised the effect of a public hearing request on committee meetings and stipulated that for the 2021 Regular Session, public hearings would be held by electronic means due to the ongoing global pandemic.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Deleted the language regarding the 2021 session.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Public Hearings repealed.

Witnesses Before Committees

84a. Intentionally left blank. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR 5, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2017 amendments. Required every witness, except current members or employees of the West Virginia Legislature, appearing before a committee to be administered an oath.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Removed committee clerks from the list of persons authorized to administer oaths.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Completely abolished the rule.

Committee Clerks

85. Intentionally left blank. (HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral and made other technical corrections.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Completely abolished the rule.

Committee Records

86. The clerk of a committee shall keep a record of a meeting which contains:

- (a) The date, time and place of the meeting;
- (b) The presence and absence of committee members;
- (c) The names of all persons appearing before the committee, and on whose behalf such appearance is made, and oath.
- (d) The bill, resolution, and other matters considered, by number where appropriate; and informational material provided to the committee;
- (e) Action of the committee; and
- (f) The vote of each member on all motions, bills, resolutions and amendments acted upon, when a yea and nay vote is taken or the number of the votes when a vote is taken by division.

The record shall be reviewed and approved at the next regular meeting of the committee. The approved committee minutes are the official records of the committee. The committee records shall be open to inspection of the public at proper times and places and at the close of the session shall be filed with the Clerk of the House. (HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral and made other technical corrections.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Added section (d). Stated that approved committee minutes are the official record of committees and open to inspection by the public.

Committee Quorum

87. A majority of committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Minority Views

88. The minority of any committee may present its recommendations in writing with the report of the committee, and the same shall be printed in the Journal, and said recommendation may, by a vote of the House, be substituted for and become the report of the committee. If the minority of any committee presents its recommendations after the report of the committee has already been received, it shall still be printed in the Journal. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Added the last sentence to the rule.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Technical cleanup.

House Rules to Govern Committee Proceedings

89. The rules governing the proceedings of the House shall apply to the proceedings of the committee, insofar as the same are applicable.

Select or Special Committees

90. Select or special committees may be provided for on motion or resolution, designating the number and object, and, unless otherwise ordered, shall be appointed by the Speaker.

Conference Committees and Reports

91. All reports of conference committees shall be presented after having been signed by a majority of the conferees of each house and be printed in the Journal. No matter shall be considered by said committee, or reported upon by it, except that in disagreement between the two houses. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2026)

Effect of the 2026 amendment. Reinserted language concerning originating bills when rules were adopted in 2025.

BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Time Limit on Introducing

91a. No House joint resolution and no House bill, other than a House supplementary appropriation bill or a House bill originating in a House standing or select committee shall be introduced in the House after the thirty-fifth day of a regular session unless permission to introduce the joint resolution or bill be given by a House resolution, setting out the title to the joint resolution or bill and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the House members present. The thirty-fifth day of the regular session held in the year two thousand nine and every fourth year thereafter shall be computed from and include the second Wednesday of February of such years. (HR22, Reg. Sess., 1981; HR17, Reg. Sess., 1994; HR11, Reg. Sess., 1995; HR3, Reg. Sess., 2008; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2015; HR 1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2026).

Effect of the 1981 amendment. The rule was rewritten in order to provide for introduction of House bills after the fiftieth day by a simple House resolution rather than a concurrent resolution. The rule also provides that bills may originate in committee after the fiftieth day.

Effect of the 1994 amendment. The rule was changed to set the last day for bill introduction at the forty-first day of the session, instead of the fiftieth.

Effect of the 1995 amendment. The rule was changed to set the last day for bill introduction at the forty-fifth day of the session, instead of the forty-first.

Effect of the 2008 amendment. The rule was changed to set the last day for bill introduction at the forty-first day of the session, instead of the forty-fifth.

Effect of the 2015 amendment. The rule was changed to set the last day for bill introduction at the forty-second day of the session, instead of the forty-first.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. The rule was changed to set the last day for bill introduction at the thirty-fifth day of the session, instead of the forty-second. Also changed the required number of copies to two for joint resolutions and bills to reflect the practices of the House.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Removed language regarding duplicate copies.

Effect of the 2026 amendment. Clarifying that bills from standing or select committees may be originated after the deadline for bill introduction.

Method of Introducing

92. Bills for introduction in the House on the opening day of any session of the Legislature may be filed with the Clerk. Before formal introduction, the Clerk shall number such bills as are presented and edit and correct them as to form. When the time for introducing bills is reached in the regular order of business, the Clerk shall report each of said bills by title in the same manner as if it were introduced from the floor. (HR26, Reg. Sess., 1963; HR3, 1st Ex. Sess., 1968; HR3, Reg. Sess., 1972; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 1963 amendment. The “fiscal note” rule was added.

Effect of the 1968 amendment. The amendment changed the time for filing bills for introduction from 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Effect of the 1972 amendment. The amendment rewrote the rule, the principal change being to remove the “fiscal note” provisions from this rule and place them in a new rule, 95a.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Removed language relating to the time limit on introducing a bill for the following day to conform to practices of the House.

Bill Carryover

92a. Intentionally left blank. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1988; HR12, Reg. Sess., 1996; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; (Rescinded by HR1, January 11, 2023)

Effect of the 1988 amendment. Allowed House bills or joint resolutions pending at the time of *sine die* adjournment of the 1st Regular Session to carryover to the 2nd Regular Session.

Effect of the 1996 amendment. Allowed bill or joint resolution to be carried over at the request of the first-named sponsor. Allows cosponsors to have ten days after date of notice to notify Clerk to have their name removed.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Changed the rule to require that the sponsor must request that a bill or joint resolution be carried over, and that such request must be made thirty days prior to session instead of ten.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

Bills to Be Presented for Introduction

93. All bills for introduction shall be presented bearing the name of the first-named sponsor and the name or names of all sponsors by whom they are to be introduced. The original copy shall constitute the official bill for use of committees and for the permanent files of the House. (HR3, 1st Ex. Sess., 1968; HR12, Reg. Sess., 1996; HR29, Reg. Sess., 2011; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021)

Effect of the 1968 amendment. The amendment rewrote the rule, the principal change being to require a bill for introduction to be presented in quadruplicate instead of triplicate.

Effect of the 1996 amendment. Provides for placing the name of the first-named sponsor and the name or names of all cosponsors on all bills to be introduced.

Effect of the 2011 amendment. The principal change was to require a bill for introduction to be presented in duplicate instead of quadruplicate.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Revised to remove the requirement for bills to be presented in duplicate.

Joint Sponsors of Bill

94. A bill may be introduced bearing the names of not more than eleven members as joint sponsors of the bill. (HR40, Reg. Sess., 1937; HR18, Reg. Sess., 1992; HR15, Reg. Sess., 2005)

Note: This rule was originally adopted as Rule 94a.

Effect of the 1992 amendment. The number of joint sponsors was increased to seven.

Effect of the 2005 amendment. The number of joint sponsors was raised to eleven.

Introduction of Bills by Request

94a. A bill may be introduced by request. All bills introduced by request shall bear the words “by request,” following the designation of the name or names of the bill sponsor or sponsors. (HR13, Reg. Sess., 1988)

Effect of the 1988 amendment. Allowed for the introduction of bills by request.

Removal or Addition of Name as Sponsor of a Bill or Resolution

94b. Any Delegate whose name appears as a cosponsor of a bill or resolution may have his or her name removed as a sponsor of the bill or resolution by submitting a written request to the House Clerk not later than the day the bill or resolution is reported from its final committee: Provided, That the removal shall only be permitted if the member is not the last remaining sponsor of the bill or resolution.

Any Delegate wishing to be added as a cosponsor of a bill or resolution shall be added by the Clerk if written request is made to the Clerk not later than the day the bill or resolution is reported from its final committee if the lead sponsor of the bill or resolution agrees in writing to the addition and if the bill has less than the maximum number of sponsors allowed by these rules.

Nothing herein requires reprinting by the Clerk of paper copies of the bill to reflect the addition or removal of sponsors. Any such changes shall appear in electronic form only until reprinting of the bill is required by these rules. (HR8, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of the 2015 amendment. This rule was created to change the process for adding or removing a member as a sponsor of a bill or resolution.

Reference to Committees

95. Bills introduced shall be referred to the appropriate committee as listed in the chamber automation system without printing. If the committee report a bill different from one so introduced, either by amendment or substitution, such bill shall be received and treated in the House as the original bill, and the committee report and Journal of the House shall show that the bill was either amended or substituted in committee. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1975; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1975 amendment. No bill shall be referred to the Committee on Rules.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Removing provision prohibiting bills be referred to the Committee on Rules.

Fiscal Notes

95a. Prior to consideration, by the House or by any committee thereof, of any bill which either increases or decreases the revenue or fiscal liability of the State or any county, municipality or other subdivision of the State or in any manner changes or modifies

any existing tax or rate of taxation, such bill shall have attached thereto a fiscal note, which "fiscal note" shall conform to the requirements as to form and content prescribed by the "Fiscal Note Manual," prepared and adopted by the Committee on Rules to govern preparation of fiscal notes to bills introduced in the House of Delegates. Any fiscal note received by the House may be reviewed by the Division of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance which may provide any additional information regarding the fiscal impact of the proposed bill or any comment on the sufficiency or accuracy on any fiscal note provided to the House. The Speaker or the Chair of the Finance Committee may also specifically request additional information, comment, or opinion from the Division of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance on any fiscal note received by the House.

In the case of a bill which either increases or decreases the revenue or fiscal liability of the State or any county, municipality or other subdivision of the State, nothing herein shall prohibit consideration of such a bill if, in the opinion of the Chair of the committee to which the bill has been referred, or in the opinion of the Speaker, a reasonable time has elapsed since a fiscal note was requested and no fiscal note or an incomplete fiscal note has been furnished.

It shall be the responsibility of the legislator introducing a bill to obtain such note when required. Such note shall be attached to the bill when filed for introduction, if at all possible, and shall accompany any bill requiring such note when the same is reported from committee.

A legislator introducing a bill requiring an increase in the revenue or fiscal liability of the State or any county, municipality or other subdivision of the State should have attached thereto the legislator's specific plan, idea, method or manner for generating the revenue needed or required by the proposed bill.

All measures with fiscal notes attached or requiring such notes shall have the words “Fiscal Note” or the initials “FN” clearly endorsed thereon.

No Act shall be void or voidable for noncompliance with this rule. (HR7, Reg. Sess., 1979; HR14, Reg. Sess., 1988; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2026)

Note: A fiscal note rule was adopted in 1963 as a part of Rule 92, but was suspended from session to session until it went into effect at the 1969 Regular Session.

Effect of the 1979 amendment. Effective January 15, 1980, fiscal notes are required of all political subdivisions. The amendment also allowed a bill to be considered, if in the opinion of the Chair of a committee or the Speaker a reasonable time has elapsed since a fiscal note was requested.

Effect of the 1988 amendment. Provided for legislator introducing bill to attach plan, method or manner for generating necessary revenue.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Provides for comments on fiscal notes received by the Division of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Technical corrections.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Removed the effective date of January 15, 1989 from the rule.

Effect of the 2026 amendment. Updated this rule with terminology to be consistent with language used throughout House rules.

Correctional System Fiscal Impact Note

95b. Intentionally left blank. (Com. Sub. for HR31, Reg. Sess., 2005; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; Rescinded by HR1, January 11, 2023)

Effect of the 2005 amendment. Required consideration of fiscal impact of proposed crime legislation.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Provides for comments on correctional system fiscal notes received by the Division of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Completely abolished the rule.

Economic Impact Statement

95c. Intentionally left blank. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2015; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2015 amendment. Created rule relating to Economic Impact Statement.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Completely abolished the rule.

What Bills to Contain

96. Bills proposing laws or changes in laws shall consist of a title, beginning with the words “A BILL to” and contain a brief statement of the object of the proposed measure, and if it amends or changes a law, a reference to the law proposed to be changed. The bill proper shall begin with the enacting clause, “Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia”, and state at large the measure proposed. [Const., Art. VI, §30.]

Bill Not to Embrace More Than One Object

97. No bill shall embrace more than one object, and that shall be stated in the title, and no law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only; but the law revived, or the section amended, shall be inserted at large in the new act. [Const., Art. VI, §30.]

Reporting Bills from Committee

98. When a bill is reported from committee with the recommendation that it do pass, it shall be placed on the calendar for

the succeeding day and come up on first reading unless the House by action otherwise directs, or an additional committee reference is given by the Speaker. If on the calendar when referred, it shall be replaced on the reading from which it was taken, unless a new bill, in the form of a committee substitute, be reported. In such case, the committee substitute shall be placed on the calendar for the succeeding day and come up on first reading.

If a bill be reported favorably with amendments, the report and Journal shall so show, and when the bill reaches second reading the committee amendments shall be acted upon before other amendments are offered, except amendments to the committee amendments.

If a committee to which a bill has been referred reports that the same ought not to pass, the Speaker shall immediately propound the question, “Shall the bill be rejected?” If this question is decided in the negative, the bill shall be disposed of in the same manner as if reported favorably. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Clarified that the Speaker may refer a bill to an additional committee at the time a bill is reported from committee.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Clarified that a committee substitute for a bill reported from a committee is placed on first reading.

Printing of Bills

99. Intentionally left blank. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; Rescinded by HR1, January 11, 2017.)

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The amendment changes the stage at which bills are to be printed from when advanced to second reading to when reported from committee.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. The rule was completely abolished and Rule 104 rewritten to reflect current technology and practices.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. The rule was repealed.

Recommitment of Bills

100. A bill may be recommitted at any time before it passes. Should such recommitment take place after its engrossment, and an amendment be reported, the bill shall be placed on second reading when reported back.

Reading Bills

101. Before any bill is read by the Clerk, he or she shall state to the House whether it is on first, second or third reading. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Bills to Have Three Readings

102. No bill shall become a law until it has been fully and distinctly read on three different days, unless in case of urgency, by a vote of four fifths of the members present, taken by yeas and nays on each bill, this rule be dispensed with. Upon any bill there may be a motion to dispense with the constitutional rule, in order that the bill may be read twice or three times on the same day, and upon the first or second reading of any bill there may be a motion to dispense with the constitutional rule in order that the bill may, upon such reading, be read by its title: Provided, That in all cases there shall be three readings on each bill, and that an engrossed bill shall be fully and distinctly read. [Const., Art. VI, §29]

Bills - First Reading

103. The first reading of a bill shall be for information; and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "Shall the bill be rejected?" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be lost, it shall be regarded as ordered to its second reading, unless the House otherwise specially directs. On the first reading of a bill, it may at any stage of the reading be rejected on motion.

Bills - Printing and Availability to Members

104. Electronic versions of all bills shall be made available once introduced and printed version of all bills shall be made available when requested from the Legislative Print Shop. (HR31, Reg. Sess., 1971; HR4, Reg. Sess., 2002; HR7, Reg. Sess., 2005; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR6, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 1971 amendment. The amendment rewrote the rule. The last paragraph was added.

Effect of the 2002 amendment. The last paragraph was added as a result of the installation of the Chamber Automation System.

Effect of the 2005 amendment. Provides that the House may consider bills, resolutions and other documents in case of failure of the Chamber Automation System or failure of the Clerk to provide reproduced copies of the measures to be considered.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Updated the rule to reflect current printing practices.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Updated language to reflect the new electronic system used in the House of Delegates.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Removed the name of the electronic system used by the House.

Amending and Engrossing Bills

105. On the second reading of a bill on the demand of any two members, it shall be read section by section for amendment, and when the amendments as may be moved are disposed of, the question, unless the House otherwise order, shall be, if a House bill, “Shall the bill be engrossed and ordered to the third reading?” If a House bill shall be ordered to its engrossment and third reading, and amendments have been made thereto, the type from which the bill was originally printed shall be changed to conform with the amendments. The bill shall then be reprinted and shall be the engrossed bill, and shall be designated as such. If no amendments are made the bill as originally printed may be ordered to its third

reading and shall become the engrossed bill, and shall be designated as such. All House bills ordered to their engrossment and third reading shall be jacketed and engrossed with their number, title, by whom introduced, and if the bill is finally passed, the date of its passage and the signature of the Clerk. If a House bill is passed by the Senate and returned to the House without amendment, or if amended and the amendment or amendments be agreed to, it shall then be turned over to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills. In the case of a Senate bill on second reading, if the same be amended by the House and passed as amended, the amendment or amendments shall be attached to the bill at the proper place by the Clerk before the bill is returned to the Senate, and all the amendments shall also appear in the House Journal. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Removed outdated language.

Time Bills to Go into Effect

106. In the passage of a bill by the House, a motion may be made that it take effect from its passage, or at some time other than ninety days after its passage; and if said motion be adopted by a vote of two thirds of all the members elected to the House, taken by yeas and nays, the Clerk shall communicate that fact to the Senate along with the bill. [Const., Art. VI, §30]

Senate Bills

107. Senate bills passed by the Senate and reported to the House shall be referred to the appropriate committee unless the House otherwise directs. After this they shall be treated in the same manner as House bills.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions

108. Resolutions shall be of three classes, as follows:

- (1) Joint Resolutions: All proposed amendments to the State Constitution shall take the form of a joint resolution, which shall be subject to the rules which govern the proceedings on bills, except that it shall be read on three several days, and, to be adopted, must on its third reading be agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to the House. When a proposed amendment to the Constitution is under consideration, the vote of a majority of the members present shall be sufficient to decide an amendment thereto or any collateral or incidental questions thereto short of the final question.
- (2) Concurrent Resolutions: Concurrent resolutions shall be used for the purpose of expressing the sentiments of the Legislature, for authorizing expenditures incidental to the sessions and business of the Legislature, for agreeing upon adjournments beyond the constitutional limitation, for creating special joint committees, for raising a joint assembly and other inferior and incidental purposes of legislation, and such other purposes as the Legislature may deem proper. The adoption of such resolutions must be concurred in by both houses.
- (3) House Resolutions: These simple resolutions shall be used for expressing the will or order of the House on matters in which the concurrence of the Senate is not necessary. A House resolution shall be proper to express the sentiments of the body, to authorize expenditures from its contingent fund, for agreeing upon any question, and for all incidental purposes pertaining to the organization and work of the House. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967)

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The amendment inserted the word "State" preceding the word "Constitution" in line one of subdivision (1).

Note: Joint resolutions are used only for amendments to the State Constitution and to ratify amendments to the Federal Constitution.

Such resolutions do not have to be submitted to the Governor for his approval.

**Policy of the House as to Concurrent and House Resolutions;
Defining Purpose and Scope of Such Resolutions**

108a. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the House of Delegates that concurrent and House resolutions be limited to the general purposes set forth in subdivisions (2) and (3) of Rule 108 and shall be restricted to expressions of sentiments and actions having a bearing upon matters incidental to legislative business and the functioning of the legislative process insofar as possible.

Such resolutions shall not embrace congratulatory expressions to individuals, organizations, associations or other entities having no relation to the Legislature or public affairs generally, athletic events, scholastic contests, or any other matter not related to the scope and areas of legislative business: Provided, That this rule shall not bar the introduction of resolutions memorializing deceased members of the Legislature and public officials or commending or congratulating public officials on actions in connection with governmental affairs.

Any concurrent or House resolution shall be submitted to the Clerk for determination of compliance with this rule. (HR3, Reg. Sess., 1974; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of the 1974 amendment. This section was added by HR 3, Reg. Sess., 1974. Resolutions shall not embrace congratulatory expressions to individuals, organization, etc., having no relation to the Legislature. All resolutions must have preintroduction review by the Committee on Rules.

Effect of the 2015 amendment. Required concurrent or House resolutions to be submitted to the Clerk instead of the Committee on Rules for determination of compliance with this rule.

Introduction of Resolutions

109. All resolutions to be introduced in the House shall be filed with the Clerk. The different classes of resolutions shall be

numbered by the Clerk and their title entered in the Journal. (HR3, 1st Ex. Sess., 1968; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023).

Effect of the 1968 amendment. The word “triplicate” was changed to “quadruplicate.”

Effect of the 2017 amendment. The word “quadruplicate” was changed to “duplicate.”

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Removed language regarding duplicate copies.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Updated the Rule to reflect current practices of the House and deleted the provision that resolutions be printed in full in the Journal.

Action on Resolutions

110. Upon introduction, all resolutions shall be read by their titles and referred to the appropriate committee. Resolutions other than joint resolutions, proposing amendments to the State Constitution, reported from committee shall lie over one day and come up under the eleventh order of business the following legislative day.

Joint resolutions proposing amendments to the State Constitution shall be treated as bills and proceedings thereon shall be in accordance with section two, article fourteen of the State Constitution.

Resolutions adopted by the Senate and reported to the House shall be subject to the same rule as that governing resolutions introduced in the House. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Removed language requiring that resolutions be printed in full in the Journal.

PETITIONS

Petitions

111. All petitions, remonstrances, memorials and other papers addressed to the House shall be filed by the member with the Clerk prior to the convening of the House. When in the regular

order of business the time is reached for presenting petitions or any such papers, the Clerk shall read a list of those on file, giving the member's name presenting same and a brief summary of the contents thereof, and the same shall be referred to the committee of the member's selection unless otherwise ordered by the House. Each member, upon filing any such petition, remonstrance or other paper, shall endorse thereon his name, and if not so endorsed it shall not be received. The Journal shall show the name of the member presenting such papers, a brief resume of the contents thereof, and the disposition made of same. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Technical cleanup.

AMENDMENTS

Filing of Amendments

112. Amendments are to be submitted to the Clerk in writing and a duplicate copy is to be filed electronically. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR6, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. The rule was rewritten to reflect current technology.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Updated language to reflect the new electronic system used in the House of Delegates.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Removed the name of the electronic system used by the House.

Must Be Germane

113. No amendment shall be in order that is not germane to the matter under consideration; and the Speaker, when the question is raised, shall rule as to the admissibility of the proposed amendment.

Time for Offering

114. Amendments may be offered to any bill or joint resolution

and acted upon on their second reading and before they are ordered to their engrossment and third reading. No bill shall be amended on third reading, except by unanimous consent of the members present. Amendments to resolutions other than joint resolutions shall be in order at any time the same are being considered. Committee amendments shall be subject to amendment and shall be disposed of before any other amendments are in order.

Reading and Stating

115. Amendments shall be read by the Clerk and stated by the Speaker before being acted upon.

By Striking Out Enacting Clause

116. A motion to amend by striking out the enacting clause of a bill shall have precedence over another motion to amend, and, if carried, the bill or resolution is rejected.

Amendment to an Amendment

117. A motion to amend a pending amendment may be received, but until it is disposed of no other motion to amend will be in order. But pending such amendment, a motion to amend in the nature of a substitute, and a motion to amend that substitute, may be received, but shall not be voted upon until the original matter is perfected.

A committee may report out a committee substitute in the event the committee reports out a bill or resolution with an amendment. Committee counsel may create a committee substitute for a committee substitute. (HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Clarifying reporting out of Committee Substitutes.

Amendment to Have Precedence Over Substitute

118. Intentionally left blank.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. The rule was repealed.

Motion to Amend to Have Precedence Over One to Strike Out

119. Intentionally left blank.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. The rule was repealed.

Filling Blanks

120. In filling blanks, the largest sum and longest time proposed shall be first put, and the question shall be put on names in the order they were nominated.

No Amendment by Way of Rider

121. No amendment by way of rider shall be received to any bill. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Removed the words “after engrossment” following the word “bill”.

Agreeing to Senate Amendments

122. When a House bill or House joint resolution shall be amended by the Senate, the question on agreeing to the bill or resolution as amended shall be again voted on by yeas and nays, and the result entered on the Journal, and in such a case the affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the House shall be necessary.

After the reading of a Senate amendment to a House bill or resolution, the question shall be, “Will the House concur in the Senate Amendment?” But it shall be in order to move that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment; or that the House refuse to concur and ask the Senate to recede. [Const., Art. VI, §31] (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2026)

Effect of the 2026 amendment. Inserted language from rule 125 to be more consistent with the purpose of this rule.

Amendment by Section

123. If a bill is being considered section by section, only amendments to the section under consideration shall be in order. After all sections have been considered separately, the whole bill shall be open for amendment except that an amendment seeking to strike out matter previously inserted and containing substantially no new proposition shall not be in order.

Amending Titles

124. After the passage of a bill or joint resolution, amendments to its title may be offered when the title is read for approval.

Amendments to Senate Bills

125. Any Senate bill or resolution may be amended in the same manner as a House bill or resolution. If a Senate bill or resolution is amended, the same shall be noted by the Clerk on the jacket containing same before it is reported to the Senate.

If the Senate shall refuse to concur in a House amendment to a Senate bill or resolution, the following motions shall be in order and shall be privileged in the order named: First, That the House recede; Second, That the House refuse to recede and ask for a committee of conference; Third, That the House adhere. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2026)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Technical correction.

Effect of the 2026 amendment. Removing language to be more consistent with the purpose of rule 122.

Amendments to Be Printed in Journal

126. All amendments proposed, unless withdrawn, shall be printed in the Journal.

Speaking on Amendments

127. On an amendment being moved, a member who has spoken to the main question may speak again to the amendment.

JOURNAL**Clerk to Keep**

128. The Clerk of the House, under the direction of the Speaker, shall keep a full and correct Journal of the proceedings.

Approval and Correction

129. When the Journal has been read to the end that any mistake made in the entry may be corrected, if no objection is made, it shall stand approved; but if objection be made, the first question of the House shall be to dispose of the same, and when such objections are disposed of and the Journal corrected, as the House may order, it shall stand as approved.

Printing Official Copies

130. After the printed Journal has been approved and fully marked for correction, the type from which it was printed shall be changed in accordance therewith. From the type so corrected shall be printed the number of copies required by law for the regular bound volumes of the Journal, which shall be properly indexed. In addition thereto six copies shall be printed on 6x9 heavy weight bond paper, with a certificate at the end thereof, certifying that the same is the Official Journal of the House and the same shall be signed by the Speaker and Clerk. Such printed Journal shall be the official record of the House. They shall be bound in flexible binding, and bear the imprint on the back, "Official Journal of the House of Delegates of West Virginia," with designation of regular or special session, as the case may be, and the year. After being signed by the proper officers, two of these copies shall be retained in the office of the Clerk, and

one copy shall be lodged in the office of the Governor, one with the Secretary of State, one with the Archives and History Section, Department of Commerce, and one with the Clerk of the Senate. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2026)

Effect of the 2026 amendment. Updating the name of Archives and History.

Journal to Be Printed Daily

131. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to furnish a copy of each day's proceedings of the Journal to the Legislative Print Shop. An electronic version of the Journal is to be made available and printed copies are to be available on request prior to the start of the next session. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR6, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. The rule was revised to reflect current technology and practice.

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Updated language to reflect the new electronic system used in the House of Delegates.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Removed the name of the electronic system used by the House.

Form and Content of Journal

132. The Journal shall be kept and published in minute form so as to show a running account of all proceedings and actions taken. Every written motion, unless it be withdrawn on the same day submitted and before action has been taken thereon, and such other material and matters required by these rules and the joint rules of the Senate and House shall be printed in the Journal. No remarks of members, speeches, newspaper editorials and articles, or other material shall be printed in the daily Journal, except explanations of votes as provided by these rules and such portions of remarks as may be necessary for the record in instances where a member may be called to order for words spoken in debate.

The Clerk shall keep and publish an Appendix to the bound and official Journals of each session of the House. There shall be included in the Appendix all remarks of members and other material ordered printed by the House.

An address or remarks by a member made on the floor of the House may be printed in the Appendix with the consent of the House only on the request of the Member making such address. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1961; HR10, Reg. Sess., 2000; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 1961 amendment. The rule was expanded extensively in delineating the form and content of the Journal, providing for an Appendix to the Journal and the printing therein of remarks of members and other material.

Effect of the 2000 amendment. Permitted a member to request remarks of another to be printed in the Appendix with the consent of the member making the remarks.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Removed the language allowing a Member to request the remarks of another Member be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

Inserting Remarks in Journal

132a. Intentionally left blank. (HCR15, Reg. Sess., 1959; rescinded by HR2, Reg. Sess., 1961)

Note: A typographical error in the Journal shows the repealed rule as 122a instead of 132a.

CHANGE OR SUSPENSION OF RULES

Amending or Rescinding Rules

133. All propositions to amend or rescind any standing rule or order of the House shall be by resolution and be at once referred, without debate, to the Committee on Rules, and shall be reported therefrom within five legislative days thereafter. Any such resolution may be adopted by a majority vote, a quorum being present. (HR4, Reg. Sess., 1974)

Effect of the 1974 amendment. The rule was rewritten with the principal change being that a standing rule or order after being referred to the Committee on Rules shall be reported therefrom within five legislative days.

Note: The power to make its rules of procedure is given the House under Sec. 24, Art. 6 of the Constitution.

Suspension of Rules

134. These rules shall not be suspended, except by a vote of at least two thirds of the members present. Unless there be a unanimous consent for the suspension of rules, the vote shall be determined by yeas and nays.

Note: The motion to suspend the rules is usually preceded by a member requesting unanimous consent of the House to do a particular thing. If no one objects, the House is deemed to assent, and what is desired is allowed accordingly. If objection is made, then the member may move that the rules be suspended for the specific purpose or object he or she has in view. A motion to lay on the table may not be applied to a motion to suspend the rules. (Hind's Precedents, Sec. 5405.)

Manual and Rules

135. On any question of order or parliamentary practice where the rules of the House or the joint rules of the House and Senate are silent or inexplicit, the precedence of parliamentary authority for the House of Delegates shall be: (1) The Constitution of the State of West Virginia; (2) Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, 2020 Edition; and (3) Jefferson's Manual and the Digest of the Rules and Practices of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Included additional parliamentary authorities to be used when the House Rules are silent or inexplicit

Note: Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure is the premier

manual of legislative procedure and includes updated citations to authoritative parliamentary manuals, one of which is Jefferson's Manual. Mason's Manual includes the rules of order, principles, precedents, and legal basis behind parliamentary law. Written by Paul Mason, former Parliamentarian of the California Senate, the Manual is updated every ten years by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (ASLCS).

Jefferson's Manual was prepared by Thomas Jefferson for his own guidance as President of the United States Senate in the years he was Vice President, from 1797 to 1801. The House of Representatives, in 1837, by rule which still exists, provided that the provisions of the Manual should "govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the House." The Manual is regarded by English parliamentarians as the best statement of what the law of Parliament was at the time Jefferson wrote it. (House Manual and Digest), 70th Congress, 1st Sess., Sec. 278.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Persons Admitted to the Floor — Members' Gallery

136. No person except members of the Congress of the United States, members of the State Senate, former members of the West Virginia Legislature, the Clerk of the Senate, approved representatives of the press, radio and television, and legislative employees engaged in the proper discharge of their duties shall be admitted within the House Chamber while the House is in session. At the convening of the House, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall see that all persons not entitled to the privilege of the floor under this rule retire from the Chamber.

At the direction of the Speaker, the west or center balcony of the House Chamber may be designated "Members' Gallery" and reserved for guests of members of the House, and admission thereto

shall be by pass in such form as may be approved by the Committee on Rules and signed by member issuing the same to a guest. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1961; HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1961 amendment. The rule was completely rewritten. Various persons who were formerly admitted to the House Chamber while the House was in session were eliminated from the rule, including ex-Governors, judges, former officers of the House and Senate, members of other state Legislatures, heads of state departments, elective state officers, the Governor’s secretary; prohibited introductions while the House is in session; and designated the west gallery as the “Members’ Gallery” and provided manner for admission of guests thereto.

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The word “employees” was substituted for “attachés.”

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Changed “duly accredited” to approved representatives of the press.

Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products Prohibited

136a. Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited in the House chamber and House galleries during sessions and in House committee rooms during committee meetings. (HR19, Reg. Sess., 1990; HR6, Reg. Sess., 2000; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1990 amendment. Prohibited use of tobacco in House chamber and galleries during sessions and in committee rooms during meetings or public hearings.

Effect of 2000 amendment. Prohibited smoking in the vestibule of the House Chamber.

Effect of 2025 amendment. Removed reference to Public Hearings.

Attire of Persons Admitted to Floor

136b. No member of the House or any person who has privileges of the floor, except pages, individuals authorized to be

present for special ceremonies, television camera operators, media photographers, sound technicians and maintenance personnel, shall be admitted to the House Chamber while the House is in session unless properly attired. Minimum standards of dress shall consist of the wearing of a coat, a collared dress shirt, and tie and dress pants by males and the wearing of a suitable dress or an appropriate blouse and skirt or pants suit by females. Jeans or shorts shall not constitute proper attire. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Specifies that jeans or shorts do not constitute proper attire.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Specifies that wearing a collared dress shirt constitutes proper attire for males.

Lobbying in the House Chamber

137. No person engaged in lobbying, including persons entitled to the privilege of the floor under Rule 136, shall be permitted at any time during a session of the Legislature in the House Chamber. If any person not a member while within the House Chamber when the House is in session attempts in any manner whatsoever to influence the vote or opinion of any member upon any subject of legislative consideration, he or she shall be removed from the House Chamber and be debarred therefrom during the remainder of the session. Any employee who shall, at any time, engage in such activity shall be subject to immediate dismissal. (HR2, Reg. Sess., 1961; HR2, Reg. Sess., 1963; HR2, Reg. Sess., 1967; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 1961 amendment. The rule was rewritten. The last sentence relative to dismissal of House employees for engaging in lobbying was a new provision.

Effect of the 1963 amendment. This amendment made the rule applicable to persons entitled to the floor under Rule 136 such as former members.

Effect of the 1967 amendment. The word “employee” was substituted for the

word “attaché.”

Effect of the 2023 amendment. Changed the language to be gender neutral.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Registration of Lobbyist

137a. (Rescinded by HR19, February 6, 1978)

Effect of the 1978 amendment. The rule was rescinded and a joint rule was added to cover both houses.

Note: Joint Rule 28 was created by SCR1, Reg. Sess., 1978, and later rescinded by SCR2, 2ndEx. Sess., 1990. Lobbyists currently register with the West Virginia Ethics Commission.)

Use of electronic communication devices prohibited

137a. Intentionally left blank. (HR6, Reg. Sess., 2005; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2005 amendment. The rule was added to prohibit the use of cell phones or other electronic communications devices on the floor during a session of the House.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Updated the rule by making technical changes regarding electronic devices.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Completely abolished the rule.

News Correspondents and Reporters

138. (a) Any person accorded the privilege of the press gallery or press table shall be a professional journalist employed at a recognized media outlet, who is not engaged in any department of state government, or in any other business, including lobbying or advocacy for or against any matter pending before the Legislature. Seating or access to the designated press tables, galleries or seating areas shall be on a first come first served basis or as the Speaker sees fit.

(b) An application for media floor privileges shall be made yearly to the Speaker or a designee as he or she may appoint. Temporary one-day passes for admittance may be granted by the Speaker or his or her designee as needed. The Speaker or the designee shall reserve the right to refuse the issuance of or to revoke a correspondent's card at his or her discretion, in accordance with the published guidelines for media.

(c) The Speaker or his or her designee shall verify statements made in the application, and if the application is approved, a correspondent's card shall be issued.

(d) A correspondent, sitting at the press tables, shall take his or her place in the House Chamber before the gavel and upon leaving may not return to the press tables until the House recesses or is at ease. A correspondent may not visit the members in their seats during the session of the House, and shall abide by rules adopted by the House or any of its committees. Failure or refusal to abide by the rules may result in revocation of the correspondent's card.

(e) The correspondent card shall be presented when required by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper or other employee of the House. It shall not be transferable. The transfer or loan of the card to anyone shall be followed by its cancellation and the withdrawal of all its privileges from the offending media organizations.

(f) The gallery, press tables or seating areas allotted to correspondent card holders shall be designated by the Speaker or Chair of the committee using the Chamber or committee rooms. These areas are reserved for the exclusive use of correspondent card holders, and a person not holding a correspondent's card shall not be entitled to admission. (HR1, Reg. Sess., 2021; HR4, Reg. Sess., 2022; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2021 amendment. Made numerous updates to the rule.

Effect of the 2022 amendment. Added the last sentence in paragraph (b).

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Technical cleanup. Changed press/media credentials to correspondent's card.

Use of Electronic Communication Devices Prohibited

139. Unless authorized by the Speaker, no person may use a cell phone to make or receive a call in the House Chamber during a session. Members are prohibited from communicating by any means with any person not in the House Chamber, other than other members of the Legislature or legislative staff, regarding the passage or defeat of any pending legislative matter, while such matter is being debated or considered for passage. (Rescinded by HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023) (HR6, Reg. Sess., 2005; HR1, Reg. Sess., 2017)

Effect of the 2005 amendment. The rule was added to prohibit the use of cell phones or other electronic communications devices on the floor during a session of the House.

Effect of the 2017 amendment. Updated the rule by making technical changes regarding electronic devices.

Effect of the 2023 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. Reorganized, former rule 137a.

Technical corrections

140. Legal counsel may make non-substantive corrections of technical drafting and clerical errors with regard to matters considered and reported upon by the committee, if the corrections do not entail a matter of policy or of law which would be properly addressed and considered by the committee.

Lounging Prohibited in the Hall of the House

139. (Rescinded by HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023; HR1 SUB, Reg. Sess., 2025)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. A new Rule 139 was created, “Use of Electronic Communication Devices Prohibited”.

Technical Corrections

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Effect of the 2023 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

Effect of the 2025 amendment. The rule was changed.

141. Intentionally left blank. (Rescinded by HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

Oaths

142. The Speaker or Clerk shall have authority to administer any oaths required by the business of the House.

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143. Intentionally left blank. (Rescinded by HR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of the 2023 amendment. The rule was completely abolished.

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RULES OF THE SENATE

QUORUM

1. A majority of the members elected to the Senate shall constitute a quorum and a quorum shall be necessary to proceed to business, but two members may adjourn, and three members may order a call of the Senate, send for absentees and make any order for their censure or discharge. On a call of the Senate, the doors shall not be closed against any member until his or her name shall have been twice called.

2. In case a less number than a quorum of the Senate shall convene, the members present are hereby authorized to send the Sergeant at Arms, or any other person or persons by them authorized, for any and all absent members as the majority of such members shall agree, at the expense of such absent members, respectively, unless such excuse for nonattendance shall be made as the Senate, when a quorum is convened, shall judge sufficient; and, in that case, the expense shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate. This rule shall apply, as well to the first meeting of the Senate at the legal time of meeting, as to each day of the session, after the hour has arrived to which the Senate stood adjourned.

OFFICERS

3. The Senate, at the commencement of each new Legislature, shall elect as its officers a President, Clerk, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper. If at any time the President is obligated to act as Governor pursuant to Article VII, Section 16 of the Constitution of West Virginia, the Senate shall immediately elect one of its remaining members to serve as Acting President. The Acting President shall act and serve at all times when the duly elected President is acting as Governor and shall perform all of the duties of the office of Senate

President without limitation, including any duties imposed by the Constitution of West Virginia, any statute, the Senate Rules and any adopted Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates, and he or she shall receive the compensation and expenses of the President of the Senate as provided in article two-a, chapter four of the Code of West Virginia. The Acting President shall not be in the line of succession to act as Governor under the provisions of Article VII, Section 16 of the Constitution of West Virginia. The majority vote of all the members elected to the Senate shall be necessary for the election of these officers and the vote shall be by voice vote and be recorded in the Journal.

4. The President of the Senate or Acting President shall appoint a President *pro Tempore*, who, during the absence of the President or Acting President, if any, shall preside and perform all the duties of the President.

5. The presiding officer may call a member to the chair who shall perform the duties of the chair until the presiding officer returns to the chair, but no member by virtue of such appointment shall preside for a longer period than three consecutive legislative days.

6. The Clerk of the Senate shall not allow any records or papers to be taken from the table or out of his or her custody except by a chair of a committee to which they may have been referred and then only upon a proper receipt therefor and except as required by these rules or by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROCEDURE

7. The order of business of the Senate shall be:

1. To read, correct and approve the Journal.
2. Introduction of guests.
3. To dispose of communications from the House of Delegates and the Executive.

4. To receive reports from standing committees.
5. To receive reports from select committees.
6. To receive bills, resolutions, motions and petitions.
7. To act upon unfinished business of the preceding day and resolutions lying over from the previous day, and no resolution shall lose its place on the calendar by not being acted upon on the day following that on which it was offered.
8. Senate and House bills and joint resolutions on third reading.
9. Senate and House bills and joint resolutions on second reading.
10. Senate and House bills and joint resolutions on first reading.
11. Introduction of guests.
12. Remarks by members of the Senate.
13. Miscellaneous business.

8. Every member desiring to speak shall stand in his or her own place, address the presiding officer and, upon being recognized, shall proceed, confining oneself to the question under debate, avoiding all indecorous or disrespectful language. The presiding officer may recognize the member by name; but no member in debate or remarks shall designate another by name.

9. Any member may call for a division of any question before the vote thereon is taken, if it comprehend propositions so distinct in substance that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition will remain for the decision of the Senate, but the member calling for the

division of a question shall state in what manner it shall be divided. A motion to strike out and insert is not divisible.

10. The rejection of a motion to strike out and insert one proposition shall not prevent a motion to strike out and insert a different proposition and shall not prevent a subsequent motion to simply strike out. The rejection of a motion simply to strike out shall not prevent a subsequent motion to strike out and insert.

11. No question shall be debated until it has been propounded by the presiding officer. The presiding officer, after calling a member to assume the chair, the mover of the question, the chair of the committee that reported the matter or the sponsor of the bill or resolution, in that order of preference, shall have the right to explain his or her views in preference to any other member.

12. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without leave of the Senate or more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, except that the mover of the question shall have the right to close the debate thereon.

13. While the presiding officer is putting the question, any member who has not spoken before to the matter may speak to the question before the negative is put.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

14. No Senate bill, other than a Senate supplementary appropriation bill, and no Senate joint resolution shall be introduced in the Senate after the forty-first day of a regular session unless permission to introduce the bill or the joint resolution be given by a Senate resolution, setting out the title to the bill or the joint resolution and adopted by two-thirds vote of the members present. When permission is requested to introduce a bill or joint resolution under the provisions of this rule, duplicate copies of the bill or the joint resolution shall accompany the resolution when introduced and all such bills or joint resolutions shall be filed electronically with the Clerk's office.

Standing and select committees of the Senate may originate a bill or joint resolution and report the same after the forty-first day.

No Senate concurrent resolution requesting the naming of transportation infrastructure shall be introduced from the floor at any time or introduced in the Senate after the forty-first day. No concurrent resolution requesting the naming of transportation infrastructure may be adopted by the Senate after the fifty-fifth day.

The forty-first day of the regular session held in the year one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and every fourth year thereafter shall be computed from and include the second Wednesday of February of such years.

15. Each bill or resolution for introduction shall be presented in duplicate and electronically, bearing the name of the member or members by whom it is to be introduced, and shall be filed with the Clerk not later than twelve o'clock noon on the legislative day next preceding its introduction: *Provided*, That the pre-filing requirement shall not apply to the first day of any session of the Legislature. A bill may be introduced by request. All bills introduced by request shall bear the words "By Request", following the designation of the name or names of the bill sponsor or sponsors.

The Clerk shall designate one copy of a bill or resolution the official copy and it shall constitute the official bill or resolution for use of committees and for the permanent files of the Senate. One copy shall be used for printing.

Each bill or resolution shall be numbered, edited and corrected as to form by the Clerk and reported by the Clerk to the Senate on the next legislative day, under the sixth order of business. In case of urgency, on motion for leave agreed to by a majority of the members present, a member may introduce a bill or resolution from the floor.

Any sponsor, other than the original lead sponsor, of a bill or resolution may be removed as a sponsor of the bill or resolution by

submitting a request to the Clerk prior to the bill being enrolled or the resolution being adopted.

Any member may be added as a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution by submitting a request to the Clerk prior to the bill or resolution being reported from the last committee to which it was referred.

The electronic version of a bill or resolution shall be changed to include the addition or removal of a sponsor, but the addition or removal of a sponsor shall only be included in a printed version if a subsequent printing is otherwise required.

15a. Prior to any committee reporting a bill to the floor, any bill which either increases or decreases the revenue or fiscal liability of the State or any county, municipality or other subdivision of the State or in any manner changes or modifies any existing tax or rate of taxation, such bill shall have attached thereto a fiscal note, if available.

It shall be the responsibility of the legislator introducing a bill to obtain such note when required, which shall conform to the requirements as to form and content as prescribed by the Clerk.

The jackets of all measures with fiscal notes attached or requiring such notes shall have the words "Fiscal Note" or the initials "FN" clearly stamped or endorsed thereon.

15b. Upon the introduction of any legislation which has a potential impact on the state's economy, the presiding officer may request from any institution under the authority of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, including, but not limited to, West Virginia University and Marshall University, a review of the proposed legislation for purposes of preparing a "Jobs and Wages Impact Statement". Any such statement shall be based on generally accepted methodology and shall conform to the requirements as to form and content as prescribed by the Clerk: *Provided*, That the Clerk shall prescribe that all Jobs and Wages Impact Statements

shall include an analysis of both the jobs that are projected to be gained or lost if the legislation is adopted and any wage impact associated with the projected job changes, including wage increases or decreases in existing jobs, wages of jobs lost, wages of new jobs and the net impact on wages.

The phrase “Jobs and Wages Impact Statement” or the initials “JWS” must be clearly stamped or endorsed on the jackets of all bills that have statements attached to them. No act is void or voidable if it does not contain a “Jobs and Wages Impact Statement” even when requested.

16. All concurrent and simple resolutions when introduced shall lie on the table at least one day, and then be referred to the appropriate committee unless the Senate directs otherwise by majority vote of the members present.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Senate that concurrent resolutions be limited to the general purposes of expressing the sentiments of the Legislature, for authorizing expenditures incidental to the sessions and business of the Legislature, for agreeing upon adjournments beyond the constitutional limitation, for creating special joint committees, for raising a joint assembly and other inferior and incidental purposes of legislation, and such other purposes as the Legislature may deem proper. The adoption of such resolutions must be concurred in by both houses.

Concurrent resolutions shall be restricted to expressions of sentiments and actions having a bearing upon matters incident to legislative business and the functioning of the legislative process insofar as possible.

Concurrent resolutions shall not embrace congratulatory expressions to individuals, organizations, associations or other entities having no relation to the Legislature or public affairs generally, athletic events, scholastic contests, or any other

matter not related to the scope and areas of legislative business: *Provided*, That this rule shall not bar the introduction of resolutions memorializing deceased members of the Legislature and public officials or commending or congratulating public officials on actions in connection with governmental affairs.

17. Unless otherwise directed by the Committee on Rules all bills, resolutions or business originating in the Senate shall be considered at the appropriate order of business in the order in which they are introduced, and all bills and resolutions received from the House of Delegates shall be introduced in the order in which they are received and shall be considered at the appropriate order of business in their numerical order.

18. All bills and joint resolutions introduced shall be read by their titles and referred to the appropriate committee and shall be treated in committee as resolutions of inquiry. If the committee reports a bill or resolution different, either by amendment or substitution, from the one introduced, it shall be received and treated by the Senate as the original bill or resolution. All Senate bills and joint resolutions reported by a committee shall be made available, with the proposed committee amendments on the foot thereof, and shall be then read a first time, unless in any of the aforesaid cases the Senate directs otherwise by majority vote of the members present. All bills and resolutions passed or adopted by and reported from the House of Delegates shall be read by their titles and referred to the appropriate committee unless the Senate directs otherwise by majority vote of the members present.

18a. Any bill, resolution or business which does not follow the procedures of Rule Nos. 17 and 18 shall remain in the possession of the Committee on Rules.

19. All bills shall be read on three different days, unless in case of urgency, by four-fifths vote of the members present, taken by yeas and nays, on each bill, this rule be dispensed with. Joint resolutions

proposing amendments to the Constitution of West Virginia shall be read on three different days which readings shall not be suspended.

20. All engrossed bills shall be fully and distinctly read when put upon their passage.

21. On each reading of the bill the Clerk shall state whether it is the first, second or third reading of such bill, but no bill shall be put upon its second reading until the same shall have been made available to the members of the Senate at least one day previous to such reading, unless the Senate directs otherwise by majority vote of the members present.

21a. Upon motion of any member, on any legislative day or the day preceding, the Senate may, by two-thirds vote of those present, establish a period of time known as "Bill Reading Docket".

Such motion shall state each bill to be read, the time and order for such bill reading docket to commence and to conclude, and may provide for the adjournment or recess of the Senate for not more than one legislative day, during which reading of the docket no motion, except a motion to postpone the reading of the bills, by two-thirds vote of those elected, shall be heard. A quorum shall not be required during the reading of the docket. Any and all members requesting that a bill be read shall be present at all times in the Chamber during its reading.

All bills read on the bill reading docket shall be considered as having been read fully and distinctly.

22. On the first reading of a bill, a motion to reject the bill shall be in order.

23. If a committee shall have reported adversely to a bill or resolution, the presiding officer immediately after the report of said committee is read shall put the question, "Shall the bill be rejected?" or "Shall the resolution be rejected?" which question shall have

precedence over all motions, except a motion to adjourn.

24. A bill or joint resolution shall be amended only on second reading: *Provided*, That after the passage of a bill or adoption of a joint resolution, amendments to its title may be offered. When a bill or joint resolution is being read for amendment, it shall be read section by section on the demand of any two members. When the amendments which may be moved shall be disposed of, the question shall be taken on ordering a Senate bill or joint resolution to be engrossed and ordered to third reading and on ordering a House bill or joint resolution to third reading. If a Senate bill or joint resolution should be ordered to its engrossment and third reading, and amendments thereto have been made, the bill or joint resolution shall be changed to conform to the amendments and become the engrossed bill or joint resolution. If no amendments are made, the original bill or joint resolution may be ordered to its third reading and shall become the engrossed bill or joint resolution. All Senate bills or joint resolutions so ordered shall be jacketed, endorsed with their number, title, by whom introduced, and if the bill or joint resolution is finally passed or adopted, the date of its passage or adoption and the signature of the Clerk. If a Senate bill or joint resolution should be passed or adopted by the House and returned to the Senate without amendments, or if amended, and the amendments should be agreed to, the bill or joint resolution shall be enrolled by the Clerk. Enrolled Senate bills shall be delivered to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills. In the case of a House bill or joint resolution on second reading if the same be amended, the amendment or amendments shall be noted in full and attached to the bill or joint resolution at the proper place by the Clerk before the bill or joint resolution is returned to the House, and all amendments shall appear in the Senate Journal.

25. When a bill or joint resolution is put upon its passage or adoption, respectively, the presiding officer shall propound the question, "Shall the bill pass?" or "Shall the resolution be adopted?" On the passage or adoption, respectively, of every bill or joint resolution, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays.

26. When a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution passed by the Senate shall be amended by the House of Delegates, the question on agreeing to the bill or joint resolution, as amended, shall be again voted on by yeas and nays in the Senate. In all such cases the affirmative majority vote of all the members elected to the Senate shall be necessary.

COMMITTEES

27. At the commencement of each Legislature, the following standing committees shall be appointed:

1. On Agriculture.
2. On Banking and Insurance.
3. On Confirmations.
4. On Economic Development.
5. On Education.
6. On Energy, Industry, and Mining.
7. On Enrolled Bills.
8. On Finance.
9. On Government Organization.
10. On Health and Human Resources.
11. On Interstate Cooperation.
12. On the Judiciary.
13. On Military.
14. On Natural Resources.

15. On Pensions.

16. On Rules (the presiding officer of the Senate is to be ex officio chair).

17. On Transportation and Infrastructure.

18. On the Workforce.

28. All standing committees shall be appointed by the President. All standing committees shall consist of not less than five nor more than 17 members. The President shall designate the chair of each standing committee and may also designate a vice chair of any standing committee.

The chair of each standing committee of the Senate shall cause a record to be kept of every meeting of such committee, wherein shall be entered:

- (a) The time and place of each committee meeting and every hearing had before the committee.
- (b) The attendance of members of the committee at each meeting thereof.
- (c) The name of any person appearing before the committee and the interest represented by him or her.
- (d) The vote of each member of the committee when a yea and nay vote is taken.

Any member of such standing committee may cause a notation to be made upon the record aforesaid of the reason for his or her absence at any former meeting of the committee; and, in the absence of any such explanatory note, the presumption shall be that his or her absence was without reasonable cause.

The chair of each standing committee shall, upon request, make the record of any yea and nay vote taken, in open or executive session, available for public inspection no later than the next legislative day after the close of the standing committee meeting at which such yea and nay vote was taken.

The several standing committees may report bills, resolutions, amendments, or any proposal originating therein, as well as committee substitutes for Senate bills, resolutions, or other proposals, which may be referred to additional committees. A committee substitute, with the consent of the original sponsor, shall carry the name of the original sponsor. Reports of committees shall be advisory only. All committees shall submit their reports to the Senate in writing and the same shall be recorded in the Journal.

On the adjournment of each session of the Legislature, the respective committees shall deliver to the Clerk of the Senate the record herein provided for, and it shall be the duty of such Clerk to preserve the same among the archives of his or her office.

28a. Every committee shall have authority, upon its own motion adopted by a majority of the members present and voting, to administer oaths to any witness appearing before the committee. If any witness to whom an oath has been administered shall refuse to answer a question put to such witness by any member of the committee, the committee may report such refusal to the Senate, and the Senate may cause to be issued a subpoena to compel such witness to appear before the committee to give testimony. Upon appearance pursuant to subpoena, the witness may be questioned by the chairman and members of the committee. The Clerk of the Senate, the chairman of the committee and, in the absence of the chairman, any member of the committee may administer the oath to the witness and may require that such oath be subscribed to by the witness.

29. The presiding officer shall refer bills and resolutions introduced, and such other matters as the presiding officer shall

deem appropriate, to standing or select committees.

30. Select committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members, unless the Senate directs otherwise by majority vote of the members present.

31. The Committee on Rules shall examine the oaths taken by each member and the evidence of their election and report to the Senate.

The Committee on Rules shall report in all cases of privileges and contested elections, the principles and reasons on which their resolutions are founded.

The Committee on Rules shall see that all papers belonging to the Clerk's Office are properly labeled and filed and that the books belonging to the office are chronologically arranged.

32. All meetings of Senate standing committees, other than executive sessions, shall be open to the public, and an executive session may be held only by majority vote of the members present.

33. When the Senate shall resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole, the presiding officer shall leave the chair and appoint a member to preside in the committee.

The Committee of the Whole shall consider and report on such subjects as may be committed to it by the Senate. The Rules of the Senate shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole, so far as they are applicable, except the rules limiting the number of times speaking, concerning the previous question and taking the yeas and nays. The proceedings in the Committee of the Whole shall not be recorded in the Journal of the Senate, except so far as reported to the Senate by the chair of the committee.

34. Any bill, resolution or business may, by majority vote of the members present, be withdrawn from the committee to which

it had been referred or be taken from the table, and placed upon the calendar of the Senate in such order of business as the Senate may direct: *Provided*, That those bills, resolutions or business referred to the Committee on Rules under authority of Rule 17 may by two-thirds vote of the members present be withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

DECORUM AND DEBATE

35. If a member be called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling the member to order shall repeat the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's table; and no member shall be held to answer, or be subject to the censure of the Senate, for words spoken in debate if any other member has spoken or other business has intervened after the words spoken and before the exception to them was taken.

36. While the presiding officer is reporting or putting a question, no one shall entertain private discourse or walk into, out of or across the Chamber. When a member is addressing the presiding officer, no one shall entertain private discourse or pass between the member and the presiding officer.

37. No member or other person except the Clerk and the Clerk's assistants shall visit or remain by the Clerk's table while the yeas and nays are being taken.

38. During any debate, any Senator, though he or she has spoken to the matter, may arise and speak to the orders of the Senate, if they be transgressed, in case the presiding officer does not.

38a. Smoking and the use of other tobacco products shall be prohibited in the Chamber.

38b. The use of electronic devices in the Chamber shall be limited to official legislative business when at all possible and any such devices shall be muted at all times.

38c. Proper business dress attire shall be worn by all those admitted to the floor of the Chamber while the Senate is in session, which includes a coat and tie for men.

MOTIONS

39. When a question is pending, no motion shall be received except:

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. For the previous question.
4. To postpone the question to a different day.
5. To commit.
6. To amend.
7. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall have precedence in order in which they are arranged.

40. The following motions shall be decided without debate, and shall not be amended:

1. To adjourn.
2. To fix the time to which the Senate shall adjourn.
3. To lay on the table.
4. For the previous question.
5. To suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three different days.

6. To recess.

41. There shall be a motion for the previous question, which being ordered by a majority of the members present, shall have the effect to cut off all debate and bring the Senate to a direct vote upon the immediate question or questions on which it has been asked and ordered. The previous question may be asked and ordered upon a single motion, a series of motions, or may be made to embrace all authorized motions or amendments and include the bill to its engrossment and third reading and then, on renewal and second of said motion, to its passage or rejection. It shall be in order, pending a motion for, or after the previous question shall have been ordered on its passage, for the presiding officer to entertain and submit a motion to commit with or without instructions to a standing or select committee. A motion to lay upon the table pending a motion for the previous question shall be in order only when the previous question has been moved on the second or third reading of a bill.

A call of the Senate shall not be in order after the previous question is ordered, unless it shall appear upon an actual count by the presiding officer that a quorum is not present.

All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

RECONSIDERATION OF VOTE

42. After any question has been decided in the affirmative or in the negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move for a reconsideration of the vote thereon at any time on the same day or the next succeeding day of actual session. Any member may make the motion to reconsider, when the yeas and nays have not been taken. If the Senate refuse to reconsider, or upon reconsideration shall affirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order. No vote shall be reconsidered upon motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to take from the table or for the previous question.

The motion to reconsider may be put and acted upon when made. If seconded, it shall take precedence of all other questions, except the consideration of a conference report and the motion to adjourn, and unless by motion postponed until some future date be acted upon at once. When a motion to reconsider is made and not acted upon at the time, it shall be placed upon the calendar, under unfinished business, and be acted upon the next succeeding day of actual session. A motion to reconsider shall not be withdrawn without leave of the Senate.

No bill, resolution, message, report, amendment or motion, upon which a motion is pending to reconsider the vote thereon, shall be taken out of the possession of the Senate until final disposition of the motion to reconsider. No motion for reconsideration of the vote on any question, which has gone out of the possession of the Senate, shall be in order unless subsequently recalled by vote of the Senate and in possession of the Clerk.

When a motion to reconsider has been adopted, its effect shall be to place before the Senate the original question in the exact position it occupied before it was voted upon.

VOTING

43. Every member within the Chamber, when a question is put, shall vote unless he or she is immediately and particularly interested therein, meaning an interest that affects the member directly and not as one of a class, or the Senate excuses him or her. A member may raise an inquiry to the presiding officer regarding whether he or she should not vote or should be excused from voting on a particular matter, but the member may still be required to vote. All motions to excuse a member from voting must be made by the member requesting to be excused before the Senate divides, or before the call of the yeas and nays is commenced, and it shall be decided without debate, except that the member making the motion to be excused from voting may briefly state the reason why it ought to be adopted. No members may pair on any question.

44. The yeas and nays shall be taken on motions to dispense with the constitutional rule requiring a bill to be fully and distinctly read on three different days; on setting the effective date of an act of the Legislature; on agreeing to a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of West Virginia; on the passage of a bill notwithstanding the objections of the Governor; on the passage of a supplementary appropriation bill; on the passage of a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution amended by the House; on all questions where a specific vote is required by the Constitution of West Virginia, the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates, or by these rules; on the passage of a bill; and on quorum calls: *Provided*, That the yeas and nays shall be taken on demand of any member on any question unless another member objects. Upon any such objection the presiding officer shall inquire of the membership if the demand for the yeas and nays is sustained. If the demand is so sustained by one tenth of the members present, the yeas and nays shall be taken, and, if the demand is not sustained by one tenth of the members present, then the yeas and nays shall not be taken.

The result of all votes taken by yeas and nays shall be recorded in the Journal. When the yeas and nays are recorded in the Journal, the result of the vote as to total yeas, nays and absentees shall be recorded, with the names of the Senators voting yea or nay, and those absent.

When the yeas and nays are ordered, or a call of the Senate is directed, the names of the members shall be called in alphabetical order; excepting, however, the name of the presiding officer, which shall be called last.

After completion of a roll call vote, no member shall speak to explain his or her vote. A member's vote explanation shall not be recorded in the daily Journal. A member may have his or her vote explanation recorded in the bound Journal provided the member obtains the floor and makes this request immediately following announcement of the results of the roll call vote and disposition of

the matter and delivers his or her written vote explanation to the Clerk within three legislative days during the session or, if there are less than three legislative days remaining in the session, within seventy-two hours after adjournment *sine die*. The Clerk shall note on the daily Journal for the day of the roll call vote that the member has reserved the privilege of having his or her vote explanation recorded later in the bound Journal.

45. On all roll calls of the yeas and nays when the voting machine is not used, and before the result is announced, the Clerk shall at the request of any member read either the names of those who voted yea or of those who voted nay, whichever is the smaller number, and the names of those absent and not voting, if any, and shall announce that all others voted either yea or nay, whichever is the larger number. In the event of a tie vote, the Clerk shall upon such request read the names of those who voted yea and the names of those absent and not voting, if any, and shall announce that all others voted nay. At that time any member shall have the right to correct any mistake committed in enrolling his or her name. The vote then shall be announced and the count recorded in the Journal.

45a. The voting machine may be used in taking the yeas and nays on any question, including quorum calls. When the machine is used for quorum calls, a member shall indicate "present" by use of the green "yea" button.

When using the voting machine, the presiding officer shall announce the question to be voted upon and direct the Clerk to prepare the machine. The presiding officer shall then state, "The members will now vote." After reasonable time has been given for all members to vote, the presiding officer shall ask, "Have all members voted?" The presiding officer shall then direct the Clerk to close the machine and ascertain the result. The presiding officer shall promptly announce the result. Voting shall be continuous and shall be permitted until the result thereof is announced by the presiding officer: *Provided*, That any vote cast after the machine has

been closed shall be stated by the presiding officer as having been cast and such shall be recorded in the Journal: *Provided, however,* That no vote may be cast after the vote has been announced.

While the members are voting and before the machine is closed, the wall display boards shall continuously display the vote of each member and the total pending vote.

Under no circumstance shall a member or nonmember vote on behalf of another member.

All other rules governing voting and the taking of the yeas and nays, insofar as applicable, shall apply to taking votes by means of the voting machine.

MESSAGES

46. The Clerk of the Senate may interchange messages with the Clerk of the House of Delegates at any time.

47. Messages may be received in any stage of business except when the presiding officer is reporting or putting a question or while the yeas and nays are being taken. Messages and reports received by the Clerk, which do not require action by the Senate, shall be considered received by the Senate and filed with the Clerk and shall be recorded in the Journal.

48. When a bill or resolution of the House of Delegates is passed or rejected by the Senate, the fact of its passage or rejection, with the bill or resolution shall be communicated to the House of Delegates.

JOURNAL

49. The Journal of the Senate shall be daily prepared by the Clerk and shall be read, corrected and approved the succeeding day. It shall be published under the supervision of the Clerk and made available to the members without delay. After the Journal has been

approved and fully marked for corrections, regular bound volumes of the Journal from the type so corrected shall be printed. In addition thereto six copies shall be printed with a certificate at the end thereof signed by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Senate certifying that the same is the Official Journal of the Senate. They shall be bound and bear the imprint on the spine, "Official Journal of the Senate of West Virginia", with designation of regular or extraordinary session and the year. After being signed by the proper officers, two of these copies shall be retained in the office of the Clerk, one copy shall be lodged in the office of the Governor, one with the Secretary of State, one with the Division of Archives and History and one with the Clerk of the House of Delegates.

ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

50. No member shall absent himself or herself from the service of the Senate during its sittings without leave of the Senate, except in case of his or her sickness or other unavoidable cause which may prevent his or her attendance.

POWER OVER MEMBERS

51. No Senator shall be taken into custody by the Sergeant at Arms on any question of complaint of breach of privilege until the matter is examined by the Committee on Rules and reported to the Senate, unless by order of the presiding officer.

52. The Senate may punish its own members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected thereto, expel a member, but not twice for the same offense.

POWER OVER OTHERS

53. The Senate may punish by imprisonment any person not a member for disrespectful behavior in its presence, for obstructing any of its officers in the discharge of their duties, or for any assault, threat, or abuse of any member for words spoken in debate, but

such imprisonment shall not extend beyond the termination of the session. The presiding officer may order the removal from the Chamber of any person using audible devices or recording devices from the galleries.

GUESTS AND PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

54. No person except members of the House of Delegates, former members of the West Virginia Legislature who are not lobbyists, duly accredited representatives of the press, radio and television and legislative officers, employees, and interns engaged in the proper discharge of their duties shall be admitted to the floor of the Chamber while the Senate is in session. The rear or east balcony of the Chamber shall be reserved for guests of the members of the Senate, and admission thereto shall be by pass signed by the presiding officer and the member seeking admission of the guest.

LOBBYING

55. No person, not a member of the Senate, shall, when the Senate is in session, seek in any manner whatsoever, including electronic communications, to influence the vote or opinion of any Senator on any subject of legislative consideration, under penalty of disbarment from the Chamber for the remainder of the legislative session. No employee of the Senate shall, at any time, engage in such activity, under penalty of immediate dismissal by the Committee on Rules.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

56. Unless the Senate directs otherwise by majority vote of the members present, when nominations shall be made in writing to the Senate, a future day shall be assigned for taking them into consideration and the nominations shall be referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

When considering and acting on the nominations the Senate shall be in open session. The voting on each nomination shall be

by yeas and nays. The result of Senate action upon any nomination shall be forthwith certified in a formal communication signed by the presiding officer and attested by the Clerk.

57. The phrase “next meeting of the Senate” contained in Article VII, Section 9 of the Constitution of West Virginia means any time the full Senate is convened and includes, but is not limited to, any regular session, any extraordinary session called during any recess or adjournment of the Legislature, during any impeachment proceeding or any time the Senate is convened for the purpose of electing a presiding officer.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

58. When an amendment to be proposed to the Constitution of West Virginia is under consideration, the majority vote of the members present shall be sufficient to decide an amendment thereto or any collateral or incidental questions. A proposed amendment to the Constitution of West Virginia, to be adopted, shall be agreed to by two-thirds vote of the members elected to the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

59. When the Senate adjourns each day, it shall stand adjourned to 11 o'clock A.M. the next day, unless the Senate directs otherwise by majority vote of the members present, and every member shall keep his or her seat until the presiding officer leaves the chair.

AMENDING RULES

60. All propositions to amend these standing rules or any order of the Senate shall be by resolution and be at once referred, without debate, to the Committee on Rules and shall be reported therefrom within seven legislative days. Any such resolution may be adopted by majority vote.

SUSPENSION OF RULES OR ORDERS

61. Unless there be unanimous consent, no standing rule or order of the Senate shall be suspended except by two-thirds vote of the members present.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

62. In all cases not provided for by the Rules of the Senate or any adopted Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates, the Senate shall be governed by *Jefferson's Manual and Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress* and practices thereunder.

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JOINT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND THE SENATE

Joint Assembly

1. Whenever there shall be a joint assembly of the two houses, a brief account of the proceedings shall be entered upon the Journal of each house, except in the joint assembly for counting votes for state officers.

Note: It is the custom to hold joint assemblies in the House Chamber and they are presided over by the Speaker. In such sessions the Clerk of the House acts as Clerk, assisted by the Clerk of the Senate. The President of the Senate is given a seat to the right of the Speaker and seats are arranged for the members of the Senate.

Joint Assembly to Open and Publish Election Returns

2. As soon as the Senate, being organized, is informed that the House of Delegates is ready to proceed, as provided by Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution of West Virginia, to open and publish the returns of the election for state officers, the Senate, preceded by its presiding officer and other officers, shall repair in a body to the hall of the House of Delegates. Upon their arrival the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Delegates shall announce the presence of the Senate. The presiding officer of the Senate shall then address the Speaker of the House, stating that a majority of the Senate has assembled in the hall of the House of Delegates to be present at the opening and publishing of the returns of the elections for State officers, held on the _____ day of _____. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall invite the presiding officer of the Senate to a seat upon his right, and the other members of the Senate and officers thereof to take seats assigned to them, and after announcing that a majority of the House of Delegates is present, shall then open and publish the returns of said election, proceeding by counties in alphabetical order, the Clerks of the two houses each

taking down the returns as announced by the Speaker, to be entered upon the Journal of the House, and when completed and tabulated the Speaker shall announce the votes received by each person voted for, for each of said offices, and those receiving the largest number of votes, shall be by him declared duly elected; and the Senate shall then return to its hall, and if any two or more candidates for any of said offices have an equal and the highest number of votes for the same office, the two houses shall immediately proceed to choose one of such persons for said office by a joint vote, as provided by Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution of West Virginia. (SCR17, Reg. Sess., 2011; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2011 amendment: Changed references from President to Presiding Officers throughout the Joint Rules.

Effect of 2015 amendment: Technical cleanup.

Disagreement and Conference

3. (a) Whenever a measure of one house is amended in the other and the house in which it originated shall refuse to concur in the amendment, the house amending the measure may either insist or recede therefrom. But when a measure originating in one house is amended in the other, the house in which it originated may amend such amendment and a motion therefor shall take precedence of a motion to concur. If said house refuses to concur, the other house may either recede from or insist upon its amendment, and a motion to recede shall take precedence of a motion to insist. The motion to lay on the table or to postpone indefinitely shall not be in order in respect to the motion to recede from or to insist.

A motion to recede having failed shall be equivalent to the adoption of a motion to insist and shall be so entered upon the Journal. A motion to insist being decided in the negative shall be equivalent to the adoption of a motion to recede and shall be so entered upon the Journal. If the motion to insist prevails, the house so insisting shall request a committee of conference on the subject of disagreement and shall appoint a committee therefor. The other

house may thereupon appoint such committee. Unless a different number is agreed upon, such conference committee shall consist of three members from each house.

Such committee shall consider and report upon only the subject matter of the amendment or amendments which were in disagreement, with necessary consequential changes. The committee shall meet at a convenient time, to be agreed upon by their Chairs, and upon notifying all conferees of the time and place of any such meeting, and having conferred freely, shall report to their respective houses the result of the conference. In case of agreement, the report shall be first made, with the papers referred accompanying it, to the house of origin, and there acted upon; and such action, with the papers referred, shall be immediately reported by the Clerk to the other house. In case of disagreement, the papers shall remain with the house in which the measure originated. If an agreement is reached, the report shall be made and signed in duplicate by at least a majority of the conferees from each house, one of the duplicates being retained by the conferees of each house.

(b) Any conference report shall, upon recognition by the presiding officer, be communicated to each house by its Clerk and made available to members of each house. Each house shall designate a location or office where copies of such report shall be made available. The Clerk shall communicate availability of conference reports by an announcement to the members of said house during session. Such announcement can be made at any time upon recognition by the presiding officer, and the Clerk shall duly note the time of said announcement. Except as provided herein, the conference report shall lie over one day and shall not be considered in either house until at least the next day following, but thereafter it shall be proper to take up consideration of the conference report at any time otherwise permitted by the rules of such house whether or not such house met on the preceding day: *Provided*, That after the fifty-ninth day of any regular session or on any day of any extraordinary session a conference committee report

may be considered the same day if availability of written copies of such report is communicated to that house while in session at least two hours prior to any consideration: *Provided, however*; That the conference report may be taken up for immediate consideration at any time by a two-thirds vote of the members of that house present.

With respect to any conference agreed to within the first fifty-one days of a regular session, the conference committee shall report to each house within seven days of agreement to conference or be discharged, except that upon a concurrent resolution duly adopted by a majority of those present and voting in each house, the presiding officer of each house may extend the conference not to exceed an additional three days. In no event shall a conference committee report to each house later than 8:00 P.M. on the sixtieth day.

With respect to any conference agreed to after the fifty-first day of a regular session, or any time during any extraordinary session, the conference committee shall report to each house within three days after agreement to conference or be discharged, except that such conference may be extended by concurrent resolution duly adopted by a majority of those present and voting in each house, for a period not to exceed one additional day. In no event shall a conference committee report to each house later than 8:00 P.M. on the sixtieth day.

Any conference committee which fails to report within the time limits established by this rule shall be deemed to be discharged, and the papers referred shall remain with the house in which the measure originated.

Nothing herein shall affect the right of the presiding officer of either house to appoint or discharge any conference committee as heretofore provided, such right to appoint and discharge such committee being subject to the rules of each respective house.

The provisions of subsection (b) above shall not apply to the Budget Bill. (SCR6, Reg. Sess., 1986; SCR17, Reg. Sess., 2007; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015; SCR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of 1987 amendment. The amendment added a notice requirement of conferees and inserted all remaining language in the rule, beginning with subdivision (b).

Effect of 2007 amendment. Changed the time a Conference Committee must report to each house from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Changed the time a Conference must report to each house from 9:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Effect of 2023 amendment. Changed the agreed upon number of conferees in (a) from five to three and reordered the paragraphs in (b).

Messages Between the Houses

4. When a message is sent by one house to the other, it shall be communicated by the Clerk thereof to the Clerk of the house to which it is sent, but no message shall be received during a call of the roll. The Clerk of one house may communicate a message to the Clerk of the other at any time. (SCR 17, Reg. Sess., 2011; SCR 12, Reg. Sess., 2015; SCR1, 2017)

Effect of 2011 amendment. Clarified that the Clerk of one house communicates messages to the other house.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Changed the words “after adjournment” to “at any time” in the second sentence.

Effect of 2017 amendment. Deleted language requiring the house receiving the message to be in session.

Bill Processing

5. (a) Legislation recommended by the Governor or by executive departments or agencies is requested to be filed in the respective Clerks’ offices, and a copy sent to Legislative Services, no later than the tenth day of each regular session of a Legislature.

(b) No bill or joint resolution shall be considered on third reading in its house of origin after the fiftieth day, unless authorization shall be granted by a concurrent resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present of both houses: *Provided*, That the Budget

Bill, or any salary or supplementary appropriation bills, may be considered at any time.

(c) This rule may be suspended by adopting a concurrent resolution approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in each house. A house desiring to suspend this rule may adopt a concurrent resolution and proceed as if the concurrent resolution had been adopted in both houses and the rule suspended. Any bill or joint resolution passed pursuant to such concurrent resolution may be communicated to the other house with the concurrent resolution or at any time after the concurrent resolution has been communicated to the other house. The other house may proceed to consider such bill or joint resolution only after adopting the concurrent resolution. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to any extended regular session or to any extraordinary session. (Reg. Sess., 1987; SCR 2, Reg. Sess., 1988; SCR 52, Reg. Sess., 2003; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 1987 amendment. A new Rule 5 was added, the principal elements being the filing of Governor's bills with the respective Clerks by the tenth day of each regular session and the provision prohibiting the consideration of bills in their house of origin on third reading after the fifty-third day. Provisions for suspension of the rule are also set forth.

Effect of 1988 amendment. Limited provisions of Rule 5 to regular session only.

Effect of 2003 amendment. Changed the provision prohibiting the consideration of bills in their house of origin on third reading after the fifty-third day to the fiftieth day.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Deleted the first phrase in paragraph (a).

Processing of Bills Authorizing the Promulgation of Proposed Legislative Rules; Duplication and Distribution of Proposed Legislative Rules.

5a. A "bill authorizing the promulgation of proposed legislative rules" or a "bill of authorization" is a measure intended to be enacted as general law, which incorporates by reference a proposed legislative rule, with or without amendments or substitutions set forth in the bill, and which authorizes the promulgation and implementation of the proposed legislative rule. The processing of

bills authorizing the promulgation of proposed legislative rules shall be governed by the standing rules of the Senate and the House of Delegates, which are supplemented by the provisions of this joint rule. In the case of any conflict between this rule and a standing rule of the Senate or the House of Delegates, the provisions of this rule shall control.

(1) The requirement of either house that bills shall be presented in duplicate applies to bills authorizing the promulgation of proposed legislative rules, but does not apply to the proposed legislative rule which the bill incorporates by reference. Of the duplicate copies, only the designated original copy shall have appended thereto the full text of the proposed legislative rule as finally approved by the agency seeking permission for its promulgation. Other copies of the full text of the proposed legislative rule shall be made available to members of the Legislature as hereinafter provided.

(2) Copies of the full text of each proposed legislative rule shall be reproduced by printing or duplication by the Clerk prior to, or as soon as is reasonably practicable after, the introduction of the bill which would authorize by law the promulgation of the proposed legislative rule. Prior to such printing or duplication, a notation shall be affixed to the proposed legislative rule which identifies the bill number of the introduced bill which would authorize its promulgation and which also identifies the committee or committees of the house to which the bill is to be referred by the presiding officer following its introduction. Otherwise, the copies printed or duplicated shall conform to the copy of the proposed legislative rule appended to the original bill, so as to facilitate the consideration and amendment of the rule throughout the legislative process.

(3) The Clerk shall furnish to any member, upon his or her request, without cost, one copy of the full text of a proposed legislative rule as reproduced by the Clerk in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this Joint Rule. For any request for an additional copy or copies of the proposed legislative rule, the member requesting the copy or copies shall pay to the Clerk, in advance, a

charge which the Clerk has reasonably determined to be adequate to cover the actual cost of the printing or duplication: *Provided*, That the provisions herein for the Clerk to furnish a member with an additional copy or copies, with a cost charged, may not interfere with or delay the prompt and otherwise timely consideration of bills of authorization by the house or its committees or subcommittees.

(4) Whenever the standing rules of either house require the printing or reprinting of a bill, the rules apply to bills authorizing the promulgation of a proposed legislative rule with the same force and effect as they apply to other bills. However, no printing or reprinting of the proposed legislative rule which is incorporated by reference in the bill of authorization shall be required, other than the printing required by subsection (2) of this Joint Rule.

(5) Whenever the standing rules of either house require a bill to be read, or fully and distinctly read, the rules apply to bills authorizing the promulgation of a proposed legislative rule with the same force and effect as they apply to other bills. However, no reading of the proposed legislative rule which is incorporated by reference in the bill of authorization shall be required. (HCR 3, Reg. Sess., 1994; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 1994 amendment. The amendment added a new rule setting forth the procedure to be followed in processing bills authorizing the promulgation of proposed legislative rules. The rule requires that the full text of the proposed legislative rule as finally approved by the agency seeking permission for its promulgation be appended to the designated original copy of such introduced bill.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Technical cleanup.

One House to Notify Other of Rejection of Bill

6. When a bill or resolution passed in one house is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be sent to the house in which the same shall have been passed.

Record of Bills and Resolutions

7. The Clerks of the two houses shall keep separate records

or registers, in which shall be recorded every action taken by the Senate and House on each bill and resolution.

Clerks to Endorse Bills or Resolutions

8. The Clerks of the two houses shall endorse on each bill or resolution a statement of any action taken by their respective bodies. (SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2015 amendment. Added the word “resolution”.

Messages to be in Writing

9. Messages to either house of the action of the other shall be in writing, signed by the Clerk of the house sending the message. (SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2015 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Each House to Have Control of Own Printing

10. Each house may order the printing of documents without the consent of the other. (SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2015 amendment. Eliminated language detailing types of documents.

Joint Committees

11. Joint standing committees of the Senate and House shall be appointed as follows:

(1) *Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills* -- To consist of five members from each house.

(2) *Joint Committee on Joint Rules* — To consist of the presiding officers and two members of each house, to be appointed by the presiding officers.

(3) *Joint Committee on Pensions and Retirement* -- (a) The Joint Committee on Pensions and Retirement shall continually study and

investigate public retirement systems. All pension and retirement related legislation introduced in the Legislature shall be referred to the committee in addition to any other reference the presiding officer may designate. Upon reference of any pension or retirement related legislation, the committee shall forward such legislation to the actuary of the Consolidated Public Retirement Board or other actuary or actuarial firm who shall return an actuarial letter or note to the committee prior to the committee's consideration of such legislation.

(b) The committee shall consist of seven members of the Senate to be appointed by the presiding officer of the Senate and seven members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the presiding officer of the House of Delegates. If possible, no more than five of the seven members appointed by the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Delegates, respectively, may be members of the same political party.

(c) The committee shall make a continuing study and investigation of retirement benefit plans applicable to nonfederal government employees in this state. The powers and duties of the committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Studying retirement benefit plans applicable to nonfederal government employees in the State of West Virginia, including, without limitation, federal plans available to such employees;

(2) Making recommendations within the scope of the study with particular attention to financing of the various pension funds and financing of accrued liabilities;

(3) Considering all aspects of pension planning and operation, and making recommendations designed to establish and maintain sound pension policy as to all funds;

(4) Filing a report to each regular session of the Legislature concerning activities conducted between sessions;

(5) Analyzing each item of proposed pension and retirement legislation, including amendments thereto, with particular reference to analysis as to cost, actuarial soundness and adherence to sound pension policy, and reporting of its findings in regard thereto to the Legislature; and

(6) Maintaining reference materials concerning pension and retirement matters, including, without limitation, information as to laws and systems in other states.

(d) The committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. The presiding officer of each house shall appoint a cochair of the committee. When the Legislature is not in session, the committee shall meet and conduct its business as a joint committee.

When the Legislature is in session, in addition to joint meetings, the members of either house may meet separately from members of the other house to conduct committee business concerning pension and retirement related legislation introduced or originated in that house. When the members meet separately, they may function as other committees of that house. As far as practicable, relevant information, including actuarial letters or notes, gathered by members meeting separately from the other house shall be sent to the cochair of the other house if it is considering the same or similar legislation. (SCR 1 and SCR 19, Reg. Sess., 1965; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 1965 amendments. The rule was amended by SCR 1 to increase the membership of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance from five to seven members from each house; and SCR 19 amended the rule by eliminating all reference to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance. The latter amendment was a result of making the committee a statutory body (Code 4-3).

Effect of 2015 amendment. Added new language regarding the Joint Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

12. Other joint committees may be created by concurrent resolution or by approval of the presiding officers of each house. (SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2015 amendment. Added new rule regarding the process for creating new joint committees.

Engrossed Bills to Be Filed with Clerk of the House

13. All engrossed bills passed by, and joint and concurrent resolutions adopted by, both houses shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of Delegates to be kept with the rolls of the Legislature and to be used in printing and publishing the Acts of the Legislature.

When two or more bills amending the same statute are passed during the same session of the Legislature, the form of the statute in the enrolled bill passed latest in time shall control. (SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015; HCR29, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of 2015 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills

14. The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills shall consist of five members of the Senate and five members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the presiding officer of each house. (SCR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of 2023 amendment. Removed language relating to the duties of the Committee on Enrolled Bills and moved language to Rule 16.

Printing Enrolled Bills

15. After a bill has been passed by both houses, the text from which it was originally printed shall be corrected as to any typographical errors that may not previously have been corrected and to include any amendments that may have been made by either house since the last printing of the bill. After the text has been so corrected, not less than five copies of the bill shall be printed. One of the copies, when properly authenticated, shall become the Enrolled Bill. In the case of enrolled bills authorizing the promulgation of a proposed legislative rule, a copy of the full text of the proposed legislative rule which the bill incorporates by reference shall be appended to the bill which has been properly authenticated and designated to be the Enrolled Bill. The copy appended to the Enrolled Bill shall conform to the copy of the full text of the proposed legislative rule appended to the

introduced bill. Copies of the proposed legislative rule are not to be appended to the additional copies of the Enrolled Bill. Following action by the Governor, or the failure or refusal of the Governor to approve or disapprove a bill of authorization, the copy of the Enrolled Bill with the proposed legislative rule appended is the copy of the bill filed with the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19 of these Joint Rules. (HCR2, 1st Ex. Sess., 1968; HCR3, Reg. Sess., 1994; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015; SCR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of 1968 amendment. The number of enrolled bills to be printed was increased from 200 to 350 copies.

Effect of 1994 amendment. The last four sentences were added to the rule, stipulating that in cases of enrolled bills authorizing the promulgation of a proposed legislative rule, a copy of the full text of such proposed legislative rule shall be appended to one of the four copies of the enrolled bill presented to the Governor. Following the Governor's action, such bill is to be filed with the text of the legislative rule with the Secretary of State.

Effect of 2015 amendments. Changed number of bills to be printed, and deleted the requirement to provide copies of enrolled bills to judges and deleted the requirement that bills be printed on certain paper.

Effect of 2023 amendment. The number of enrolled bills to be printed was decreased from 50 to 5 copies.

Authentication of Enrolled Bills

16. Enrolled Bills shall be authenticated by the signature of the Clerk of each house, whose duty it shall be to compare carefully all bills and joint resolutions passed by both houses, with the enrollment thereof, and to correct any errors or omissions they may discover and to make reports to their respective houses, from time to time, of the correctly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

All bills and joint resolutions shall be free from interlineations or erasures and any previous enrollment containing any interlineations or erasures destroyed. A certificate, showing in which house the bill originated and when it takes effect, signed by the Clerks of the two

houses, shall be endorsed on the bill. All enrolled bills and joint resolutions shall be signed by the presiding officer of each house. (SCR17, Reg. Sess., 2011; SCR15, Reg. Sess., 2015; SCR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of 2011 amendment. Procedural change.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Technical change.

Effect of 2023 amendment. The rule was rewritten to indicate enrolled bills and joint resolutions be signed in a particular order and eliminated the need for the Chairs of the Joint Enrolled Bill Committee to sign the bills or joint resolutions.

Presenting Enrolled Bills to Governor

17. After a bill shall have thus been signed in each house, it shall be presented to the Governor for his approval. It shall be the duty of each Clerk to report the day of presentation to the Governor, which time shall be entered on the Journal of each house. SCR15, Reg. Sess., 2015; SCR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of 2015 amendment. Changed reference from “said committee” to “Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills”.

Effect of 2023 amendment. Changed language regarding presenting enrolled bills to the Governor to reflect current practices.

Record of Enrolled Bills

18. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House of Delegates, as Keeper of the Rolls of the Legislature, to keep a record book of all bills presented to the Governor for his approval. The title and number of each bill presented to the Governor shall be entered in this book, and when a bill is presented to the Governor, the date presented and the signature of the Governor, showing receipt of same, shall be entered at the side of each title. (SCR17, Reg. Sess., 2011; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2011 amendment. Made Clerk of the House Keeper of the Rolls of the Legislature.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Changed the word “him” to “the Governor” and other technical cleanup.

Action of Governor on Bills

19. When the Legislature is in session, any bill, including an appropriation bill or any part thereof, disapproved by the Governor shall be returned to the house in which it originated, with objections thereto, within five days after receipt thereof, Sundays excepted, or become a law. If the Legislature, by adjournment, prevents the return of a disapproved bill, other than an appropriation bill, within such time, it shall be filed by the Governor in the office of the Secretary of State with objections within fifteen days, Sundays excepted, after adjournment, or become a law. If the Legislature, by adjournment, prevents the return of a disapproved appropriation bill or any part thereof, it shall be filed by the Governor in the office of the Secretary of State with objections within five days after adjournment, or become a law. When any bill, including an appropriation bill or any part thereof, is disapproved after adjournment of the Legislature and such bill with the Governor's objections is filed in the office of the Secretary of State within the prescribed time as aforesaid, the Governor shall notify the house in which the bill originated.

Every bill approved by the Governor shall, within the prescribed time after it is presented, as aforesaid, be filed by the Governor in the office of the Secretary of State and the fact of such approval communicated by the Governor to the house in which said bill originated.

Any bill which shall be neither approved nor disapproved by the Governor shall immediately, after the expiration of the time fixed by the Constitution of West Virginia in which he may disapprove the same, be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, who shall forthwith engross thereon a certificate to the following effect: "I certify that the foregoing act, having been presented to the Governor for approval, and not having been returned to the house of the Legislature in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the State, has become a law without approval." and shall date and sign the same. The Governor shall notify the house in which the bill originated of each bill becoming a law without his approval.

When a bill is returned to either house of the Legislature with the objections of the Governor, proceedings thereon shall be governed by Article VII, Section 14 of the Constitution of West Virginia. In such cases the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates shall engross the action, if any, of their respective houses on the reconsideration of the bill and sign the same.

The action of the Governor on all bills presented shall be appropriately noted in the Journals of the two houses. [Const., Art. VI, §51(D); Art. VII, § 14, 15] (HCR2, Reg. Sess., 1971; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 1971 amendment. The amendment rewrote the rule bringing it into conformity with the latest amendments to the Constitution.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Technical cleanup and clarification of “fifteen days” excluding Sundays.

Joint Meetings of Committees

20. Whenever any bill has been referred by the Senate to one of its standing committees, and the same or like bill has been referred by the House to one of its committees, the Chairs of the respective committees, when in their judgment the interest of legislation or the expedition of business will be better served thereby, may arrange for a joint meeting of their committees for the consideration of such bill. All joint committee meetings shall be presided over by the Chair of the Senate committee. (SCR12, Reg., Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2015 amendment. Technical cleanup.

What Shall Be Printed in the Journal

21. The following shall always be printed in the Journal of each house:

(a) Messages from the Governor and messages from the other house, and the titles of all bills and resolutions.

(b) A record of all votes taken by yeas and nays as required by the Constitution of West Virginia, the rules of the respective houses and

these rules; and a brief statement of the contents of each petition, memorial or paper presented to each house.

(c) A true and accurate account of the proceedings of each house. (HCR2, 1st Ex. Sess., 1968; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015; SCR1, Reg. Sess., 2023)

Effect of 2015 amendment. Added the words “of West Virginia” in paragraph (b).

Effect of 2023 amendment. Ended the practice of printing the full text of resolutions in the Journal.

Manner of Printing the Journal and Bills

22. In printing the daily Journal of the proceedings of each house there shall be printed at the top of each page, except the first, the date of the Journal; and on the last page of each day’s Journal shall be printed the calendar for the next day.

On each bill, there shall be printed the name of the person by whom, or the committee by which, it was introduced and the date of introduction; and at the top of each page shall be printed the number of the bill. (SCR1, Reg., Sess., 2023)

Effect of 2023 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Regulation and Use of Legislative Offices, Chambers, Halls, Stairways and Corridors

23. The presiding officer of each house shall have power to assign and regulate the office space in the portions of the Capitol used by their respective houses and to grant permission for the use of such space and the legislative Chambers for other than legislative purposes. They shall also have jurisdiction over all halls, stairways and corridors in the areas used by their respective houses. The presiding officers may submit any question or request arising under the foregoing provisions of this rule to the Committee on Rules of their respective houses for determination and action.

The area on the second floor between the legislative Chambers and surrounding the rotunda on the second floor shall be under the jurisdiction of the Joint Committee on Rules. It shall be the duty of this committee to maintain and preserve the aesthetic features of this area of the Capitol. No display or exhibition of any material or objects in this area shall be permitted without approval of the committee.

Attaching pictures, posters, cards or placards on the walls in any manner whatsoever in the halls, stairways and corridors in the areas used by the respective houses and in the area between the legislative Chambers surrounding and to the east and west of the rotunda is prohibited. (SCR1, Reg. Sess., 1973; SCR17, Reg. Sess., 2011)

Effect of 1973 amendment. The rule was rewritten. The provisions giving the Joint Committee on Rules jurisdiction over certain areas adjoining the legislative chambers and the prohibition against attaching pictures, posters, cards or placards on the walls are new.

Effect of 2011 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Resolutions

24. Resolutions requiring concurrent action may originate in either house and shall be of two kinds, namely:

Joint Resolutions: These resolutions shall be used for proposing amendments to the Constitution of West Virginia and for ratifying amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of West Virginia shall be adopted as provided in Article XIV, Section 2 of said Constitution.

Concurrent Resolutions: Such resolutions shall be used for all purposes not covered by joint resolutions as defined above. (SCR1, Reg. Sess., 1963; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 1963 amendment. The amendment made it clear that only joint resolutions proposing amendments to the State Constitution be adopted as provided by the Constitution.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Suspension of Joint Rules

25. Joint Rules may only be suspended by a two-thirds vote of each house taken by yeas and nays, or by unanimous consent. (SCR12, Reg., Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2015 amendment. This rule was completely rewritten.

Transfer of Appropriations Between Items

26. The Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the presiding officer, is authorized to make written request to the State Auditor for the transfer of amounts between items of the total appropriations for the Senate in order to protect or increase the efficiency of the service. Upon receipt of such written request, the State Auditor shall transfer the amounts as requested. (SCR37, Reg. Sess., 1975; SCR17, Reg. Sess., 2011)

Effect of 1975 amendment. The amendment provided for the transfer of amounts between items of the total appropriations by the Clerk of the Senate.

Effect of 2011 amendment. Changed President to presiding officer.

27. The Clerk of the House of Delegates, with the approval of the presiding officer, is authorized to make written request to the State Auditor for the transfer of amounts between items of the total appropriations for the House of Delegates in order to protect or increase the efficiency of the service. Upon receipt of such written request, the State Auditor shall transfer the amounts as requested. (SCR37, Reg. Sess., 1975)

Effect of 1975 amendment. The amendment provided for the transfer of amounts between items of the total appropriations by the Clerk of the House.

28. The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates, with the approval of the presiding officers, are authorized to make a joint written request to the State Auditor for the transfer of amounts between items of the total appropriations for joint expenses of the Legislature in order to protect or increase the efficiency of

the service. Upon receipt of such written request, the State Auditor shall transfer the amounts as requested. (SCR 37, Reg. Sess., 1975; SCR17, Reg. Sess., 2011)

Effect of 1975 amendment. The amendment provided for the transfer of amounts between items of the total appropriations by the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates.

Effect of 2011 amendment. Changed Speaker and President to presiding officer.

Governing Powers

29. The presiding officers of each house, as selected in accordance with the Constitution of West Virginia, the Rules of the Senate, the Rules of the House of Delegates, respectively, these Joint Rules and laws of the State, shall have the power to and are hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Legislature as required by the business and legal affairs of the Legislature unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of both houses while the Legislature is in session or by the majority vote of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance while the Legislature is not in session. (SCR 49, Reg. Sess., 2002; SCR 17, Reg. Sess., 2011; SCR 12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2002 amendment. The amendment added a new rule setting forth the procedure to allow the Senate President and the House Speaker to act on behalf of the Legislature as required by the business and legal affairs of the Legislature.

Effect of 2011 amendment. Added the words “of West Virginia” in the first sentence.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Deleted Rules 28, 29 and 30 and renumbered remaining rules.

Receipt of Constitutional Petitions and Resolutions

30. Any application from a county commission or a verified petition from the voters of a county seeking to reform, alter or modify a county commission pursuant to Article IX, Section 13 of the Constitution of West Virginia and any related documents that may be subsequently submitted shall be filed with the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates. The Clerk of the

Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates shall verify that the application, petition or related document has been properly submitted to the other Clerk before processing it in his or her respective house. Such applications, petitions and related documents not submitted to both the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates will not be submitted to either house for processing or consideration by the Legislature.

When the Legislature is not sitting in regular session, upon receipt of an application, petition or related document from a county commission by the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates, it shall be processed as a regular order of business at the next regular session following receipt of the application, petition or related document.

An application or petition to reform, alter or modify a county commission filed with the Legislature on or after the tenth day of a regular legislative session may not be processed or considered by the Legislature until the next regular legislative session.

An application or petition to reform, alter or modify a county commission filed with the Legislature is only valid for the session in which it was processed and such application or petition not acted upon during that session is null and void.

If an application or petition to reform, alter or modify a county commission filed with the Legislature is determined by the Legislature to have an unconstitutional provision, then the Legislature may: (a) Request that the application or petition be corrected and resubmitted; or (b) make changes necessary to meet the constitutional objection. A corrected application or petition may be processed by the Legislature if there is sufficient time remaining in the session for full consideration. If any request by the Legislature to correct an application or petition prevents full consideration of that application or petition during the session in which it would have been considered, the Senate and the House of Delegates may process the corrected application or petition at the next regular

session. (SCR34, Reg. Sess., 2008; SCR12, Reg. Sess., 2015)

Effect of 2008 amendment. The amendment added a new rule setting forth the procedure concerning petitions and resolutions to the Legislature, requesting the Legislature to reform, alter or modify a County Commission, pursuant to Article IX, Section 13 of the Constitution. The Rule requires the filing of documents with the Clerks of the House and Senate, verification of application, petition or related documents. The Rule further specifies that the petition shall be valid for the Session for which it was processed.

Effect of 2015 amendment. Technical cleanup.

Concurrent Resolutions Naming Transportation Infrastructure

31. Concurrent resolutions requesting the naming of transportation infrastructure shall be limited to the naming of bridges and roads for deceased persons who have meaningfully contributed to the State of West Virginia.

No later than the fifteenth day of November, immediately preceding the convening of the Legislature in regular session, legislators or legislators-elect shall submit all applications to name transportation infrastructure to Legislative Services and the Division of Highways. No later than the fifteenth day of December the Division of Highways shall provide infrastructure availability and location information to Legislative Services for all timely submitted applications. Before the first day of session, Legislative Services shall draft a concurrent resolution for each timely submitted application. All such concurrent resolutions requesting the naming of transportation infrastructure shall be introduced in the house of origin by the third day, must complete action in the house of origin by the fifteenth day, and shall not be considered in either house after the thirtieth day.

No concurrent resolution requesting the naming of transportation infrastructure that does not follow these procedures shall be introduced. (HCR 2, Reg. Sess., 2026)

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



ROGER HANSHAW
Speaker

ROGER HANSHAW, Republican, of Wallback, Clay County, 62nd District. Elected to the House in 2014. Re-elected in 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022 and 2024. Elected Speaker of the House of Delegates on August 29, 2018 during the Second Extraordinary Session, 83rd Legislature. Re-elected Speaker on January 9, 2019 at the beginning of the 84th Legislature; January 13, 2021 at the beginning of the 85th Legislature; and January 11, 2023 at the beginning of the 86th Legislature, January 8th, 2025 at the beginning of the 87th Legislature the 58th Speaker of the House of Delegates.

OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE

CLERK OF THE HOUSE



JEFF PACK
Raleigh County
Republican

Elected January 8, 2025; 24th Clerk of the House
Prior Legislative Service Appointed to the House Jan. 10, 2018; Elected to the House 2018 & 2020; Chair, Committee on Health & Human Resources 85th Legislature; Appointed as the Commissioner, Bureau for Social Services, Aug 1, 2021; Appointed as Commissioner Bureau for Senior Services Aug. 1, 2024

DOORKEEPER



ROBERT W. STEWART
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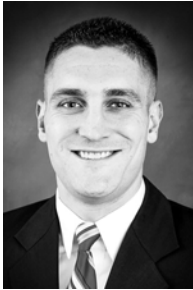
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[Portions of Brooke and Hancock Counties]



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Business Management; Author; Youth Counselor; Former Military Intelligence Officer **Born** October 22, 1979, in Enid, Oklahoma **Parents** the late Colonel Mark McGeehan and Jodie Juszcak **Children** Kennedy McGeehan **Education** B.S., U.S. Air Force Academy; M.A. Philosophy, Franciscan University of Steubenville; Ph.D. student of Philosophy, Duquesne University **Affiliations** Knights of Columbus (3rd Degree);

Lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2008; 2014-2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 84th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Homeland Security, 82nd and 83rd Legislatures **Military Service** U.S. Air Force, 1998-2006 **Religion** Roman Catholic **Telephone** (304) 374-7018 **C. Email** Pat.McGeehan@wvhouse.gov

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[A portion of Ohio County]

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SIXTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Marshall County]

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SEVENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Marshall and Wetzel Counties]

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[A portion of Wood County]

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2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Energy and Manufacturing, 85th Legislature; Chair, Committee on Energy, 83rd and 84th Legislatures; Speaker Pro Tempore, 82nd Legislature **Other Public Service** Member of Governor's Commission on Quality and Equity in Education **Military Service** U. S. Air Force **Religion** Presbyterian **Telephone** (304) 481-4129 **H. Email** Bill.Anderson@wvhouse.gov

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Retired Manufacturing Executive **Born**
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Engineering, BSChE, University of Texas at
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Association, West Virginia Manufacturers
Association Educational Fund, Wood County

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Managers Forum, Former Pastoral Council President of St. Mary of the
Assumption Church, Former Scoutmaster of Troop 85 of the Three Rivers
Council of the BSA **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Religion**
Catholic **Telephone** (304) 481-4927 **H. Email** Bob.Fehrenbacher@wvhouse.
gov

TWELFTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Wood County]

**VERNON CRISS****12th District, Wood County****Republican****Chair, Committee on Finance**

Executive **Education** Parkersburg High School and West Virginia Wesleyan College **Affiliations** Camden Clark Foundation, Boy Scouts - Buckskin Council **Legislative Service** Appointed to the House December 8, 1987; Elected to the House 1988; 2016-2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Vice Chair, Committee on Banking, 84th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Finance, 84th and 85th Legislatures **Religion** Methodist

Telephone (304) 481-0167 **C. Email** Vernon.Criss@wvhouse.gov**THIRTEENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT**

[A portion of Wood County]

**SCOT HECKERT****13th District, Wood County****Republican****Chair, Public Health****Assistant Majority Whip**

Children 5 and 11 grandchildren **Affiliations** Wood County Republican Chairman; Blennerhassett Friends; NRA Chairman; Vice Chair Parkersburg/Wood County Neighborhood Watch; Member of the Marine Corps League Det. 1087; NRA; Friends of NRA Grant Chairman for the State of West Virginia **Legislative Service** Elected to the House

2022 Telephone (304) 340-3367 **O. Email** Scot.Heckert@wvhouse.gov

FOURTEENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Wirt and Wood Counties]

**DAVE FOGGIN****14th District, Wood County
Republican**

Physics Teacher **Born** in Parkersburg, West Virginia
Education BS Chemical Engineering; MA
Secondary Education; EMT-B **Legislative Service**
Elected to the House 2022 **Telephone** H. (304)
340-3136 **O. Email** Dave.Foggin@wvhouse.gov

FIFTEENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Roane and a portion of Wirt County]

**ERICA MOORE****15th District, Roane County
Republican**

Born January 12, 1965, in Parkersburg, West
Virginia **Spouse** Richard Moore **Children**
Camden, Cole and Caleb **Legislative Service**
Appointed to the House November 6, 2023;
Elected 2024 **Religion** Christian **Email** Erica.
Moore@wvhouse.gov

SIXTEENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Jackson County]

**JOE PARSONS****16th District, Jackson County
Republican****Telephone** (304) 340-3140 **Email** Happyjoe.Parsons@wvhouse.gov**SEVENTEENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT**

[Portions of Jackson and Mason Counties]

**JONATHAN PINSON****17th District, Mason County
Republican
Chair, Government Administration
Deputy Majority Whip****Pastor Education** Graduate of the West Virginia State Police Academy; Associates degree and bachelor's degree from WVU-P **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020 **Religion** Baptist **Telephone** (304) 531-5293 C. (304) 340-3146 **O. Email** Jonathan.Pinson@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTEENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Mason and Putnam Counties]

**JIM BUTLER****18th District, Mason County
Republican**

Excavating Contractor, Logging Contractor, Classic Auto Restoration **Born** September 18, 1965 **Military Service** United States Marine Corps Helicopter crew chief HMM163 **Education** Basic Helicopter Mechanics, Advanced Helicopter Mechanics, Naval Water Survival School, Navy Land and Jungle Environment Survival School, Aircraft Maintenance Administration, Nuclear Weapons Transport, Ground Support Equipment School and Crane Operators Instruction and

License, Naval Shipboard Firefighting School, and Aircraft Weapons Training and Instruction School **Spouse** Anna Maria Butler **Children** Blayne and Kayla Butler **Affiliations** Main Street Baptist, Point Pleasant WV, Mason County Chamber of Commerce, Mason County Farm Bureau, Mason County Development Authority Advisory Committee, Marine Corps League, AM Vets Lifetime Member American Legion, Harley Owners Group Lifetime Member, State Republican Executive Committee, Mason County Republican Executive Committee **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2012-2018; 2022-2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Technology and Infrastructure, 84th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Legislative Rule-Making Review, 84th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Veteran's Affairs and Homeland Security, 84th Legislature; Chair, Committee on Homeland Security, 83rd Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Political Subdivisions, 82nd Legislature **Telephone** (304) 340-3199 **O. Email** Jim.Butler@wvhouse.gov

NINETEENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Putnam County]



KATHIE HESS CROUSE
19th District, Putnam County
Republican
Chair, Educational Choice

Spouse Marc Crouse **Children** Willow, Chase, Patrick, Nicholas, Michael **Parents** Roger and Linda Hess **Education** Bachelor of Science with concentrations in Microbiology and Molecular Biology; Associate Degree in Science, West Virginia State University **Affiliations** West Virginia Home Education Association, West Virginia Citizens Defense League, Christian Home Educators, Home School Legal Defense, Putnam County Convention and Visitors Bureau,

Putnam County Republican Club, Rotary of Putnam County, Putnam County Republican Women, Kanawha County Republican Women, WV Federation of Republican Women, Kanawha Valley Soap Box Derby, Federated Republican Woman of the Valley, Women in Government **Legislative Service** Appointed to the House December 2, 2021; Elected to the House 2022 **Telephone** (304) 340-3118 **O. Email** Kathie.Crouse@wvhouse.gov

TWENTIETH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Putnam County]



SARAH DRENNAN
20th District, Putnam County
Republican

RN-NICU Born January 8, 1981, in Huntington, West Virginia **Spouse** Mark Drennan **Children** Alexander Drennan, Connor Drennan **Parents** David and Lisa Nicolls **Education** Marshall University St. Mary School of Nursing **Affiliations** Gateway Church Teays Valley **Religion** Christian **Email** Sarah.Drennan@wvhouse.gov

TWENTY-FIRST DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Putnam County]

**JARRED CANNON****21st District, Putnam County****Republican****Chair, Investments**

Business Owner (Public Relations) **Born** December 23, 1997, in Huntington, West Virginia **Education** B.A., West Virginia University **Legislative Service** Appointed to the House June 15, 2022; Elected to the House 2022 **Affiliations** Board Member, Ohio – West Virginia Youth Leadership Association (YLA); Board Member, Fundraising Chair, Lincoln Legacy Foundation **Religion** Christian **Email** Jarred.Cannon@

wvhouse.gov

TWENTY-SECOND DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Cabell County]

**DANIEL LINVILLE****22nd District, Cabell County****Republican****Chair, Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology**

Information Technology Director **Education** Bachelor's Degree Marshall University **Legislative Service** Appointed to the House August 1, 2018; Elected to the House 2018-2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Technology and Infrastructure, 85th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Technology and Infrastructure, 84th Legislature; Assistant Majority Whip, 85th

Legislature **Affiliations** Farm Bureau; Cabell-Wayne Beekeepers Association; Milton, WV Rotary Club **Other Public Service** Ex-Officio Member, West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council; Board of Directors Keith Albee Theater; Chair, Employee Suggestion Award Board, 84th Legislature **Religion** Christian **Email** Daniel.Linville@wvhouse.gov

TWENTY-THIRD DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Cabell County]

**EVAN WORRELL****23rd District, Cabell County****Republican****Chair, Health and Human Resources**

Chief Operating Officer, In-Home Care Agency

Born September 26, 1979, in Myrtle Beach,South Carolina **Parents** Jay and Cheryl Worrell**Spouse** Jennifer Worrell **Children** Faith,

Christian, Charlotte, Jack, Eleanor, Henry, Beau

and Anne Worrell **Legislative Service** Elected tothe House 2018 **Prior Legislative Positions Held**

Vice Chair, Committee on Homeland Security,

85th Legislature **Religion** Baptist **Telephone**(304) 617-1378 C. (304) 340-3175 O. **Email** Evan.Worrell@wvhouse.gov**TWENTY-FOURTH DELEGATE DISTRICT**

[A portion of Cabell County]

**PATRICK LUCAS****24th District, Cabell County****Republican****Chair, Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourism****Assistant Majority Whip**Real Estate Broker **Born** March 11, 1967,in Huntington, West Virginia **Parents** DickLucas, Maureen Woosley **Spouse** Dr. PaulaLucas **Children** Steven Lucas, SamanthaLucas **Education** 1991 Graduate of MarshallUniversity **Legislative Service** Elected to theHouse 2022 **Affiliations** Huntington Board of

Realtors; West Virginia Association of Realtors;

Marshall University Big Green Board of Trustees; Lewis Memorial Baptist

Church **Religion** Christian **Email** Patrick.Lucas@wvhouse.gov

TWENTY-FIFTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Cabell County]

**SEAN HORNBUCKLE****25th District, Cabell County****Democrat****Minority Vice Chair, Finance****Minority Leader**

Financial Advisor **Born** September 2, 1985, in Huntington, West Virginia **Parents** the late Moses and Pat Hornbuckle **Children** Tristan **Education** Huntington High School; B.A., Sports Management and Marketing, Marshall University; M.B.A., Marshall University **Affiliations** AAU Team Mayo Coach **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2014 **Other Public**

Service Cabell County Democratic Women's Club; Associate Member, **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 360-1015 **H. Email** Sean.Hornbuckle@wvhouse.gov

TWENTY-SIXTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Cabell County]

**MATTHEW A. ROHRBACH****26th District, Cabell County****Republican****Speaker Pro Tempore, Deputy Speaker**

Physician **Born** May 12, 1959, in Huntington, West Virginia **Parents** Henry and Florence Rohrbach **Spouse** Vera A. Rose, M.D. **Children** Rachel **Education** Marshall University; Marshall University Medical School; University of Tennessee, internship; University of Kentucky, residency; East Tennessee State University, fellowship **Affiliations** Teubert Foundation

Trustee; Knights of the Golden Horseshoe; Mountaineer Boys State; Masonic Lodge #53 **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2014 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Health and Human Resources, 85th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Health and Humans Resources, 85th Legislature; Assistant Majority Whip, 84th Legislature; Chair, Committee on Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse, 84th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Senior, Children, and Family Issues, 84th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Senior Citizen Issues, 83rd Legislature **Religion** American Baptist **Telephone** (304) 563-9040 C. (304) 528-4659 **O. Email** Matthew.Rohrbach@wvhouse.gov

TWENTY-SEVENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Cabell and Wayne Counties]

**MICHAEL D. AMOS****27th District, Wayne County
Republican**

Physician **Born** February 15, 1993, in Huntington, West Virginia **Parents** David & Kelly Amos **Education** Spring Valley High School, 2011 Marshall University, BS, 2014 Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, MD, 2019 Marshall University Department of Family and Community Health, Family Medicine, 2022 **Affiliations** First Baptist Church of Kenova, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Medical Association

American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Obesity Medicine, National Rifle Association, Endowment Life Member Ceredo-Kenova Area Business Association **Public Service** Councilman, City of Kenova **Religion** Southern Baptist **Telephone** (304) 340-3355 **Email** Michael.Amos@wvhouse.gov

TWENTY-EIGHTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Wayne County]

**RYAN BROWNING****28th District, Wayne County
Republican**

Born August 6, 1981 in Detroit, Michigan **Spouse** Jaime **Education** Spring Valley High; West Virginia Tech, BS Printing **Legislative Service** Appointed to the House July 1, 2024; Elected 2024 **Telephone** (304) 340-3126 **O. Email** ryan.browning@wvhouse.gov

TWENTY-NINTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Mingo and Wayne Counties]

**HENRY C. DILLON****29th District, Wayne County
Republican**

Educator **Born** August 8, 1981 in Huntington, West Virginia **Parents** Don Dillon, Linda Dillon **Spouse** Debbie Dillon **Children** Sarah, Emma, Henry and Anna **Education** B.A., English, Marshall University; M.A.T., Secondary Education, Marshall University; Ph.D. Leadership with an emphasis on School Building Level **Affiliations** Wayne County Right to Life; WVCDL; NRA; Christian Educators HSLDA **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022

Telephone (304) 710-8801 **C.** (304) 340-3155 **O. Email** Henry.Dillon@wvhouse.gov

THIRTIETH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Lincoln County]

**JEFF ELDRIDGE****30th District, Lincoln County
Republican**

Telephone (304) 340-3152 **Email** Jeff.Eldridge@wvhouse.gov

THIRTY-FIRST DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Boone, Lincoln and Logan Counties]

**MARGITTA MAZZOCCHI****31st District, Logan County****Republican****Chair, Human Services**

Small Business Owner and Office Manager of a Counseling Service **Born** Stolberg/Rheinland, Germany. Naturalized Citizen of the United States on January 9, 2017. **Spouse** Eugene Mazzocchi **Education** Diploma Trifels Gymnasium ; attended Erziehungs Wissenschaftliche Hochschule (EWH) Rheinland-Pfalz in Landau, Germany; self-employed **Affiliations** Active Leader in Celebrate Recovery (a Christian

Based Recovery Program for Addiction) 2015-2020; Member and Past-President of the Kiwanis Club of Logan, West Virginia; Member of Gun Owners of America; National Rifle Association and West Virginia Citizens Defense League; WV House Vice Chair of the WV State Prayer Caucus **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020; **Legislative Positions** Chair of Senior, Children and Family Issues in the 86th Legislature; Appointed to the Foster Care Workgroup (2024-2026); Vice Chair to Human Services in the 87th Legislature; Appointed on 08/05/2025 to the Child Welfare Advisory Committee **Other Public service** State Executive Committee for the 7th Senatorial District (2022-2026); Logan County Republican Executive Committee (2022-2026); Delegate to the Republican National Convention, 2024; Member and Treasurer of the Logan County Republican Club (2019-present); American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) -Member to the Committee on Federalism, Homeland & International Relations; Delegate to the European and transatlantic Dialog in Germany with the Hans Seidel Foundation 2022; Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) -Inspecting the Southern Border 2023 **Affiliations** Active Leader in Celebrate Recovery (a Christian Based Recovery Program for Addiction) 2015-2020; Member and Past-President of the Kiwanis Club of Logan, West Virginia; Member of the following organizations NRA, West Virginia Citizens Defense League and Gun Owners of America; Participated in Leadership Logan Program 2023; Co-Chair of the Legislative Prayer Caucus in the House of Delegates **Religion** Christian, Word of Life Church, Logan, West Virginia **Telephone** (304) 340-3174 **O. Email** margitta.mazzocchi @wvhouse.gov

THIRTY-SECOND DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Boone County]



JOSH HOLSTEIN
32nd District, Boone County
Republican
Chair, Legal Services

Politics and Government **Born** November 2, 2001
Parents Terry and Tonya Holstein **Education**
Sherman High School, Graduate; B.A. in
Economics, Marshall University **Legislative**
Service Elected to the House 2020 **Religion**
Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3184 **O. Email**
Josh.Holstein@wvhouse.gov

THIRTY-THIRD DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Logan County]



JORDAN BRIDGES
33rd District, Logan County
Republican
Assistant Majority Whip

Coal Miner **Born** March 28, 1988, in Logan,
West Virginia **Parents** Bobby and Jackie Bridges
Children Gracie and Jackson Bridges **Education**
Beth Haven; Southern Community College
Legislative Service Elected to the House 2020
Religion Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3294 **O.**
Email Jordan.Bridges @wvhouse.gov

THIRTY-FOURTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of McDowell and Mingo Counties]

**MARK DEAN****34th District, Mingo County****Republican****Vice Chair, Government Administration**

Home Health Executive **Born** June 18, 1980, in Logan, West Virginia **Spouse** Brandy Dean **Education** Bachelor's in Education, Concord College (2003); Master's in School Leadership, Marshall University (2005) **Affiliations** Phi Sigma Phi National Fraternity; Knight of the Golden Horseshoe; Mingo County Republican Executive Committee **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2016 **Prior Legislative Positions Held**

Chair, Committee on Natural Resources, 85th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Education, 84th Legislature **Religion** Baptist **Telephone** (304) 601-3425 **H.** (304) 340-3425 **O. Email** Mark.Dean@wvhouse.gov

THIRTY-FIFTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Wyoming County]

**ADAM VANCE****35th District, Wyoming County****Republican**

Underground Coal Miner **Born** in Beckley, West Virginia **Parents** the late Johnny Vance and Norlea "Cookie" Vance **Spouse** Patti Vance **Children** 5 **Education** Graduate of Baileysville High School, 2000; Western Governors University **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Religion** Freewill Baptist **Telephone** (304) 340-3163 **C.** (304) 340-3163 **O. Email** Adam.Vance@wvhouse.gov

THIRTY-SIXTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of McDowell County]

**DAVID GREEN****36th District, McDowell County****Republican****Assistant Majority Leader**

Insurance Agency Owner **Born** October 3, 1984; Roderfield, West Virginia resident **Parents** Steve and Doris Green **Spouse** Andrea Green **Children** Josef, Joselyn, and Jeremiah Green **Education** Iaeger High School 2002; B.S. Computer Information Systems Concord University **Affiliations** Board member - McDowell County CVB, Wyoming County EDA, Virtual Preparatory Academy of WV; Founder & President Prosper McDowell **Legislative Service** Appointed to the

House January 29, 2024; Elected 2024 **Religion** Church of God **Telephone** (304) 340-3165 **O.** (304) 938-7065 **C.** Email David.Green@wvhouse.gov

THIRTY-SEVENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Mercer County]

**MARTY GEARHEART****37th District, Mercer County****Republican****Chair, Revenue****Majority Whip**

Managing Member **Born** September 15, 1961, in Zeublon, North Carolina **Parents** Frank and Gwenn Gearheart **Children** Keri Redman, Sara Davies and Leah Gearheart **Grandchildren** Rylee Davies, Easton Davies, Sam Redman, Neil Redman **Education** B.S., Concord University **Affiliations** Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce; Bluefield WV Championship Football Games; NRA **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2010

-2018; 2020-2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Vice Chair, Committee on Pensions and Retirement, 85th Legislature **Other Public Service** Vice Chair, West Virginia Republican Executive Committee, South; Past Chair, Mercer County Republican Executive Committee **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 320-0879 **C.** (304) 340-3179 **O.** Email Marty.Gearheart@wvhouse.gov

THIRTY-EIGHTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Mercer County]



JOE C. ELLINGTON JR.
38th District, Mercer County
Republican
Deputy Speaker

Physician **Born** May 12, 1959, in Flushing, New York **Parents** Loretta Ann DiTucci Ellington and the late Joe C. Ellington **Spouse** Sharon Perdue **Children** Dana, Alyssa, Erica and Joe III **Education** B.S., Guilford College; M.S., Ph.D., Duke University; M.D., Wake Forest University; Residency, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan **Affiliations** Fellow, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Legislative Service Elected to the House 2010 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Education, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Chair, Committee on Health and Human Resources, 82nd, 83rd and 84th Legislatures; Chair, Committee on Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse, 83rd Legislature **Other Public Service** Member, Mercer County Republican Executive Committee **Religion** Roman Catholic **Telephone** (304) 487-6526 **H. Email** Joe.Ellington@wvhouse.gov

THIRTY-NINTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Mercer County]

**DOUG SMITH****39th District, Mercer County****Republican****Vice Chair, Government Organization**

Retired Army Colonel; Military Police Officer

Born January 1, 1967, in Waterloo, Iowa **Spouse**Shirley Smith **Education** BS Criminal Justice,

Wichita State University; MPA Criminal Justice,

City University; Master of Strategic Studies,

U.S. Army War College **Affiliations** Member,

National Rifle Association; Life Member,

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); Member,

Military Officers Association of America

(MOAA); Life Member, North American Hunting Club; Member, Bluefield

Mercer Lodge No. 85; Member, West Virginia Citizens Defense League

Legislative Service Elected to the House 2020 **Religion** Catholic **Telephone**(678) 656-8233 **H. Email** Doug.Smith@wvhouse.gov

FORTIETH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Monroe and Summers Counties]

**ROY G. COOPER****40th District, Summers County****Republican****Vice Chair, Appropriations**

Retired U.S. Navy; Retired Public School Teacher; Active Farmer; Small Business Owner

Born March 5, 1945, in Warford, West Virginia

Parents Thomas J. and Madeline Cooper **Spouse**

Marilyn Holdren Cooper **Children** Pamela and Christopher

Education B.S., Education, Concord College; A.S., Business Management, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Affiliations Member, Fairview Baptist Church,

West Virginia Farm Bureau; Summers County Retired Teachers Association; National Rifle Association; American Federation of Teachers (Retired)

Legislative Service Elected to the House 2012-2024 **Prior Legislative**

Positions Held Chair, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 85th Legislature; Chair, Committee on Agriculture, 84th Legislature; Chair, Committee on Veterans'

Affairs, 83rd Legislature **Religion** Baptist **Telephone** (304) 466-5523 **H.** (304) 646-1209 **C.** (304) 340-3119 **O. Email** Roy.Cooper@wvhouse.gov

FORTY-FIRST DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Mercer, Raleigh and Summers Counties]

**JORDAN MAYNOR**

41st District, Raleigh County

Republican

Vice Chair, Judiciary

Legislative Service Appointed to the House August 19, 2021; Elected to the House 2022 **Telephone** (304) 340-3164 **O. Email** Jordan.Maynor@wvhouse.gov

FORTY-SECOND DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Raleigh County]

**JOHN K. JORDAN**

42nd District, Raleigh County

Republican

Legislative Service Appointed to the House January 13, 2026 **Telephone** (304) 575-2267 **H.** (304) 340-3162 **O. Email** John.Jordan@wvhouse.gov

FORTY-THIRD DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Raleigh and Wyoming Counties]



CHRISTOPHER W. TONEY
43rd District, Raleigh County
Republican
Vice Chair, Education

School Bus Operator **Born** February 13, 1988
Parents Gregory Toney and Emma Shrewsbury;
 Grandson of Rudy and Judy Toney, the late C.
 Edward and Virginia Dunbar **Spouse** Molly
 Sigman-Toney **Education** Liberty High
 School; A.A. - New River Community and
 Technical College; B.A., Concord University
Legislative Service Elected to the House 2018
Prior Legislative Positions Held Vice Chair,

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 85th Legislature **Affiliations** WVSSPA;
 Loyal Order of Moose 1606; Board of Directors, Raleigh County Community
 Action Association; Spruce Tabernacle Church **Religion** Christian **Telephone**
 (304) 228-3760 **C. Email** Chris.Toney@wvhouse.gov

FORTY-FOURTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Raleigh County]



CARL "BILL" ROOP
44th District, Raleigh County
Republican

Attorney **Born** May 3, 1960 in Beckley, West
 Virginia **Parents** Jack J. Roop and Mary Frances
 Roop **Spouse** Jan L. Roop **Children** Isaac J. Roop
 and Isabell J. Roop **Education** Woodrow Wilson
 High School; Marshall University, BA; Ohio
 Northern University, JD **Affiliations** Maxwell
 Hill Baptist Church; Raleigh County Parks and
 Recreation; Raleigh County Commission on
 Aging; Lillian James Learning Center; Beckley
 Little League **Legislative Service** Appointed to
 the House July 16, 2024; Elected 2024 **Religion**

Baptist **Telephone** (304) 340-3180 **O.** (304) 573-5065 **C. Email** Bill.Roop@
 wvhouse.gov

FORTY-FIFTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Fayette and Raleigh Counties]

**ERIC BROOKS****45th District, Raleigh County****Republican****Assistant Majority Whip**

Retired – Federal Bureau of Prisons **Parents** David and Linda Brooks **Spouse** Jennifer
Children Clay, Morgan and Faith **Education**
Glen Rogers High School, 1990; B.A. in
Sociology, West Virginia University, 1994
Affiliations Knights of the Golden Horseshoe;
National Rifle Association; Citizens Defense
League; FCI Beckley Community Relations
Board Member **Legislative Service** Elected to

the House 2022 **Religion** Baptist **Telephone** (304) 877-8298 **C.** (304) 340-3197 **O. Email** Eric.Brooks@wvhouse.gov

FORTY-SIXTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties]

**JEFF CAMPBELL****46th District, Greenbrier County****Republican****Chair, Public Education**

Teacher/Broadcaster **Born** February 8, 1969, in Hinton, West Virginia **Parents** the late James W. “Bill” Campbell and the late Joyce Miller Campbell **Education** Greenbrier East High School; Concord College, Bachelor of Arts in Communications; Concord University, Bachelor of Science in Education **Affiliations** Concord University Alumni Association; Concord University Alumni Council; Greenbrier County Republican Executive

Committee Associate Member; Greenbrier County Republican Club; Eastern Greenbrier Jaycees; Greenbrier East Quarterback Club; West Virginia Athletic Coaches Association North-South Football Classic; West Virginia Sports Writers Association; Greenbrier East Sports Hall of Fame; Concord University Outstanding Alumnus of the Year 2019 **Legislative Service** Appointed to the House October 30, 2017; Elected to the House 2018; appointed to the House September 15, 2023; Elected to the House 2024 **Religion** Christian **Email** Jeff.Campbell@wvhouse.gov

FORTY-SEVENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Greenbrier and Monroe Counties]

**RAY CANTERBURY****47th District, Greenbrier County****Republican****Vice Chair, Investments**

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WV 24970 **Telephone** (304) 992-4770 **H.** (304)
340- 3337 **O. Email** Ray.Canterbury@wvhouse.
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FORTY-EIGHTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Greenbrier and Nicholas Counties]

**GREGORY WATT****48th District, Webster County****Republican**

Legislative Service Appointed to the House October
3, 2025 **Telephone** (757) 849-8451 **H.** (304) 340-
3916 **O. Email** Gregory.Watt@wvhouse.gov

FORTY-NINTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Nicholas County]

**STANLEY S ADKINS****49th District, Nicholas County
Republican**

Certified public accountant **Born** July 10, 1949 in Richwood, WV **Education** BSBA Accounting WVU **Public Service** Mayor of Summersville WV 2 terms **Children** Aaron Adkins, Andrew Adkins and Adam Adkins **Parents** Leland and Bernice Adkins **Religion** Catholic **Telephone** (304) 880-0018 **H. Email** Stanley.Adkins@wvhouse.gov

FIFTIETH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Fayette County]

**DAVID "ELLIOTT" PRITT****50th District, Fayette County
Republican
Assistant Majority Leader**

Teacher **Born** March 23, 1990 in Beckley, West Virginia **Parents** David A. and Rebecca Pritt **Spouse** Ashton Pritt **Children** 4 **Education** B.A. History-Concord University M.A. Teaching (Social Studies and English)-Concord University **Affiliations** American Federation of Teachers; United States Air Force (SSgt) 2008-2014; Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Religion**

Roman Catholic **Telephone** (304) 340-3337 **O. Email** Elliott.Pritt@wvhouse.gov

FIFTY-FIRST DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Fayette County]



MARSHALL CLAY
51st District, Fayette County
Republican

Retired **Born** March 20, 1957 in Oak Hill, West Virginia **Parents** the late Anna M. Clay and Donald L. Clay **Education** Rittman High School, Rittman, Ohio; Cum Laude, Mountain State University, B.S. Legal Studies/Pre-Law Spouse Ruthann **Children** Jason **Military Service** U.S. Navy 1975-1995, Senior Chief Gas Turbine Technician **Legislative Service** Elected Sergeant-at-Arms January 14, 2015; re-elected January 11, 2017; resigned April 1, 2018; re-elected June 18, 2019, January 13, 2021 and January 11, 2023, the 45th Sergeant-at-Arms of the House **Other Public Service** 2008 Rollins-Burke Graduate Intern; Legislative Assistant for the Minority during the 78th, 80th and 81st Legislatures **Religion** Protestant **Telephone** (304) 340-3170 **O. Email** Marshall. Clay@wvhouse.gov

FIFTY-SECOND DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Fayette and Kanawha Counties]



TRESA HOWELL
52nd District, Kanawha County
Republican

Telephone (304) 340-3287 **O. Email** Tresa. Howell@wvhouse.gov

FIFTY-THIRD DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Kanawha County]



TRISTAN LEAVITT
53rd District, Kanawha County
Republican

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Leavitt@wvhouse.gov

FIFTY-FOURTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Kanawha County]



MICHAEL A. PUSHKIN
54th District, Kanawha County
Democrat
Minority Chair, Health and Human Resources

Taxi Driver/Musician **Born** February 8, 1970, in Charleston, West Virginia **Parents** Dr. Jack Pushkin and Marsha Albert **Education** George Washington High School; West Virginia University, English and Political Science **Affiliations** B'Nai Jacob Synagogue; American Federation of Musicians Local 136; Recovery Point WV Board of Directors; Charleston Main Streets Board of Directors; ACLU; NAACP; YWCA Racial Justice Committee

Legislative Service Elected to the House 2014 **Religion** Jewish **Telephone** (304) 989-6856 C. (304) 340- 3106 **O. Email** Mike.Pushkin@wvhouse.gov

FIFTY-FIFTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Kanawha County]



JAMES ROBERT "JB" AKERS, II
55th District, Kanawha County
Republican
Chair, Judiciary

Lawyer **Born** February 11, 1973 in Beckley
Spouse Maryclaire Akers **Children** Katherine, Ethan and Harper **Education** BA, Wake Forest University; West Virginia University, JD
Legislative Service Appointed to the House January 9, 2024; Elected 2024 **Religion** Christian
Telephone (304) 458-3351 **C.** (304) 340-3340 **O.**
Email jb.akers@wvhouse.gov

FIFTY-SIXTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Kanawha County]



KAYLA YOUNG
56th District, Kanawha County
Democrat
Minority Leader Pro Tempore
Minority Chair, Government Organization
Minority Vice Chair, Energy and Public Works

Entrepreneur **Born** July 12 **Parent** Sarah Hatcher **Children** Milo and Zella **Education** George Washington High School; West Virginia University **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020 **Telephone** (304) 340-3362 **O.** **Email** Kayla.Young@wvhouse.gov

FIFTY-SEVENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Kanawha County]

**HOLLIS T. LEWIS II****57th District, Kanawha County****Democrat****Minority Vice Chair, Government Organization**

Project Director **Born** November 27, 1980, in Charleston, West Virginia **Parents** Hollis Lewis Sr. and Juana Turner (both deceased) **Spouse** Elisha Lewis **Children** Kayla, Kaizen, Halina, and Zuri **Education** B.S., Criminal Justice, West Virginia State University; J.D., Southern University Law Center **Affiliations** Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Clay Center Board of Directors; and CURA Board of Commissioners **Legislative Service** Appointed to the house September 19, 2023; Elected 2024 **Other Public Service** Kanawha County Magistrate; West Virginia Parole Board **Religion** Christian-Baptist **Telephone** (304) 610-1164 **C. Email** Hollis.Lewis@wvhouse.gov

FIFTY-EIGHTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Kanawha County]

**WALTER HALL****58th District, Kanawha County****Republican****Chair, Banking and Insurance**

Licensed Insurance Agent **Born** April 10, 1963 in South Charleston, West Virginia **Parents** the late Kyle L. and Barbara A. Hall **Spouse** Sue **Education** St. Albans High School, B.B.A. in Marketing, Marshall University **Affiliations** St. Albans Chamber of Commerce member; Past President, Assistant District Governor, Interact Chair for Rotary Int'l District 7550; Member of St. Albans Rotary Club; Community Educator for Alzheimer's Assoc; President of 25177 Foundation; St. Albans City Council and Vice Mayor **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Religion** Christian, Grace Baptist Temple **Telephone** (304) 340-3181 **O. Email** Walter.Hall@wvhouse.gov

FIFTY-NINTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Kanawha County]

**ANDY SHAMBLIN****59th District, Kanawha County****Republican****Vice Chair, Courts**

Teacher; Minister **Born** May 25, 1990 in Charleston, West Virginia **Education** Nitro High School, 2009; West Virginia State University, 2014; Marshall University Graduate College, 2018 **Affiliations** Minister at The Nitro Church of Christ, Supervisory Committee; Peoples Federal Credit Union, NRA, St. Albans Chamber of Commerce, WV Farm Bureau, Former Member Nitro Development Authority **Legislative Service**

Elected to the House 2022 **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3392 **O.** **Email** Andy.Shamblin@wvhouse.gov

SIXTIETH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Kanawha County]

**DANA FERRELL****60th District, Kanawha County****Republican****Chair, Local Government**

Educator, Business Owner, Developer **Born** April 17, 1961, in Charleston, West Virginia **Parents** David and Pauline Ferrell **Spouse** Tracy Ferrell **Children** Brooks Ferrell and Danica Ferrell **Education** A.A.S Business Management and Marketing, WVSU; B.S. Business Education, WVSU; M.A. Special Education, Marshall University **Affiliations** Aldersgate UMC PPRC Committee Chair; Poca Valley Bank Advisory Board; Greater Sissonville Development Council

(GSDC) **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020 **Other Public Service** Head Volleyball Coach, George Washington High School; Charleston Sports Committee **Religion** Protestant **Telephone** (304) 984-9900 **H.** (304) 543-4178 **C.** (304) 340-3194 **O.** **Email** Dana.Ferrell@wvhouse.gov

SIXTY-FIRST DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Kanawha County]

**WARREN “DEAN” JEFFRIES****61st District, Kanawha County****Republican****Chair, Health Care Regulation****Vice Chair, Banking and Insurance**

Insurance Agent **Born** September 29, 1971, in Charleston, West Virginia **Parents** Ted and Mary Jeffries **Spouse** Stacey Jeffries **Children** Tyler, Alexis, Brynn and Landon **Grandchildren** Paisleigh, Devon, Paxton, Parker **Education** Bachelor's - Health Care Administration, University of Charleston **Legislative Service** Appointed to the House September 5, 2018;

Elected to the House 2018 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Enrolled Bills, 85th Legislature; Chair, Joint Committee on Flooding; Vice Chair, Health and Human Resources; Chair, Committee on Enrolled Bills; Assistant Majority Whip **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3149 **O. Email** Dean.Jeffries@wvhouse.gov

SIXTY-SECOND DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Calhoun, Clay and a portion of Gilmer County]

**ROGER HANSHAW****62nd District, Clay County****Republican****Chair, Rules****Speaker of the House**

Attorney **Born** March 24, 1980, in Charleston, West Virginia **Spouse** Kirsten **Children** Kathryn and Rebecca **Education** West Virginia University, B.S.; West Virginia University College of Law, J.D.; University of Notre Dame, Ph.D. in Chemistry **Affiliations** West Virginia State Bar; West Virginia Bar Association; West Virginia Farm Bureau; American Chemical Society; National Association of Parliamentarians

Legislative Service Elected to the House 2014-2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Speaker of the House, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th and 87th Legislatures; Chair, Committee on Enrolled Bills, 83rd Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on the Judiciary, 83rd Legislature **Religion** Baptist **Telephone** (304) 587-9947 **H.** (304) 340-3210 **O. Email** Roger.Hanshaw@wvhouse.gov

SIXTY-THIRD DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Braxton and a portion of Gilmer County]

**LORI DITTMAN****63rd District, Braxton County****Republican**

Teacher/Small Business Owner **Education** Braxton County High School; Fairmont State College; West Virginia University **Affiliations** Gassaway Area Improvement Council; Elk River Trail Town Committee; Rhododendron Girls State; Girls on the Run **Telephone** (304) 701-8600 **C.** (304) 340-3142 **O. Email** Lori.Dittman@wvhouse.gov

SIXTY-FOURTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Lewis and Upshur Counties]



ADAM BURKHAMMER
64th District, Lewis County
Republican
Chair, Human Services

Business Owner **Born** April 17, 1985 **Parents** Becky and Archie Jackson **Spouse** Jamie Burkhammer **Children** Cooper, Riley and Josie Burkhammer **Education** Buckhannon-Upshur High School **Affiliations** West Virginia Christian Ministerial Association; Weston Rotary; West Virginia Farm Bureau; National Rifle Association **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020 **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3123 **O.**

Email Adam.Burkhammer@wvhouse.gov

SIXTY-FIFTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Upshur County]



CARL R. MARTIN
65th District, Upshur County
Republican
Chair, Committee on Political Subdivisions

Business Owner **Born** April 8, 1991, in Buckhannon, West Virginia **Parents** Carl J. Martin and Roberta J. Lynch **Education** B.S. in Business Management, West Virginia Wesleyan College **Other Public Service** Former Board of Education Member - Upshur County **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2018 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Political Subdivisions, 85th Legislature **Religion**

Christian **Telephone** (304) 472-5000 **W.** (304) 613-2328 **C.** (304) 340-3167
O. Email Carl.Martin@wvhouse.gov

SIXTY-SIXTH DELEGATE DISTRICT
[Portions of Pocahontas and Randolph Counties]



JONATHAN B. KYLE
66th District, Randolph County
Republican

Real Estate Investor **Born** October 5, 1982 in Elkins, West Virginia **Spouse** Angela D. Kyle **Children** Ryan Belcher, Lillianna Scherm, Rhaygen Kyle **Parents** Anthony Kyle & Robin Wamsley **Education** Bachelor of Accounting Marshall University **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3178 **O. Email** Jonathan.Kyle@wvhouse.gov@wvhouse.gov

SIXTY-SEVENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT
[Portions of Pendleton and Randolph Counties]



ELIAS COOP-GONZALEZ
67th District, Randolph County
Republican

College student **Born** May 2, 2002 **Religion** Christian **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Phone** (304) 340-3145 **O. Email** Elias.Coop-Gonzalez@wvhouse.gov

SIXTY-EIGHTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Barbour and a portion of Upshur County]

**CHRIS PHILLIPS****68th District, Barbour County****Republican****Chair, Government Organization**

President, CGP Foods, Inc. **Born** October 8, 1969, in Buckhannon, West Virginia **Parents** Craig Phillips and the late Cynthia Phillips **Children** Logan Phillips **Education** Philip Barbour High School **Affiliations** National Rifle Association; West Virginia Citizens Defense League; Chamber of Commerce **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2018 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee

on Agriculture, 85th Legislature **Other Public Service** Barbour County Development Authority **Telephone** (304) 457-4605 **H.** (304) 340-3192 **O.** **Email** Chris.Phillips@wvhouse.gov

SIXTY-NINTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Harrison and Lewis Counties]

**KEITH MARPLE****69th District, Harrison County****Republican**

Retired, Harrison County Magistrate, elected 5 terms; Retired, Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Dept. with 26 years service, Patrol Sergeant **Born** Harrison County, West Virginia **Spouse** deceased **Children** 2 and 3 grandchildren **Education** Roosevelt Wilson High School, Nutter Fort; West Virginia Wesleyan College; American University, B.S. Administration of Justice **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Telephone** (304) 340-3141 **O.** **Email**

Keith.Marple@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTIETH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Harrison County]

**MICKEY PETITTO****70th District, Harrison County****Republican****Assistant Majority Leader**

Accountant; Real Estate Broker; Real Estate Appraiser **Education** 1970 Graduate Salem University, Bachelors, Business; Associate, Real Estate **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Telephone** (304) 340-3171 **O.** (304) 626-0372 **H. Email** Mickey.Petitto@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTY-FIRST DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Harrison County]

**LAURA KIMBLE****71st District, Harrison County****Republican****Chair, Legal Services**

Homemaker **Born** July 11, 1967, in Loveland, Colorado **Parents** Clark and Diana Critchfield **Spouse** Jeffrey Kimble **Children** Savannah, Zachary and Lilah **Education** Graduate of Washington Irving High School; B.A. International Studies, West Virginia University **Affiliations** Harrison County Republican Executive Committee; Harrison County Republican Club; Member, National Rifle

Association **Religion** Roman Catholic **Telephone** (304) 340-3102 **O. Email** Laura.Kimble@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTY-SECOND DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Harrison and Wetzel Counties]

**CLAY RILEY****72nd District, Harrison County****Republican****Vice Chair, Finance**

Professional Engineer **Born** December 21, 1975
Parents Bob and Ann Riley **Spouse** Whitney Riley
Children Brenna, Avery, McKinnley and Cade Riley **Education** B.S., Electrical Engineering, West Virginia University; B.S., Computer Engineering, West Virginia University
Affiliations Leadership West Virginia; West Virginia Economic Development Council; Harrison County Chamber of Commerce; United

Way of Harrison County; Healthy Harrison; Shale Crescent USA; The Backpack Project; American Water Works Association; ACEC - Energy and Environment Committee; ACEC - West Virginia; Licensed Engineer: WV, KY, OH, PA, MD, NC, UT **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020-2024 **Telephone** (304) 844-5679 **C.** (304) 340-3144 **O. Email** Clay.Riley@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTY-THIRD DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Taylor and a portion of Marion County]

**BRYAN W SMITH****73rd District, Taylor County
Republican**

Admin Assistant/Business Owner **Born** June 20, 1974 **Parents** David and Jeanie Smith **Education** Grafton High School, Class of 1993; Computer Tech - Fairmont WV, Class of 1995 **Affiliations** Grafton Rotary Club Grafton Lions Club All Aboard Grafton Mountaineer Trail Network Save The Tygart Watershed Board Member Mountaineer Country CVB Tygart Lake State Park Foundation Nation Rifle Association **Other Public Service** Taylor County Economic

Development Authority Taylor County Project HOP2E (Helping Our People 2 Eat) Food Pantry Director 2014 thru 2019. Save The Tygart Watershed Board Member **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 709-0164 **H.**(304) 340-3139 **O.** **Email** Bryan.Smith@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTY-FOURTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Marion County]

**GUY WARD****74th District, Marion County
Republican**

Telephone (304) 340-3249 **O.** **Email** Guy.Ward@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTY-FIFTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Marion County]

**PHIL MALLOW****75th District, Marion County****Republican****Chair, Courts**

UPS Management (Retired) **Born** July 6, 1957, in Cumberland, Maryland **Parents** Richard and Mary Yvonne Mallow **Spouse** Pamela Raye **Children** Philip Wayne Jr. and Richard Matthew **Education** Allegany College of Maryland **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020 **Religion** Baptist **Telephone** (304) 366-8024 **H.** (304) 629-3220 **C.** (304) 340-3331 **O. Email** Phil.Mallow@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTY-SIXTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Marion County]

**RICK GARCIA****76th District, Marion County****Democrat****Minority Vice Chair, Education**

Telephone (304) 340-3124 **O. Email** Rick.Garcia@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTY-SEVENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Monongalia and Wetzel Counties]

**JOE STATLER****77th District, Monongalia County****Republican****Chair, Education**

Retired/Farming **Born** December 8, 1952, in Morgantown, West Virginia **Parents** Willis and Maxine Statler **Spouse** Louie **Children** Michelle CPA, Kristen MD, Marissa JD, 4 Grandchildren **Education** Graduate of Clay Battelle High School **Affiliations** Clark Family Foundation; Mylan Park; Operation Welcome Home; PACE; MPO; Olive United Methodist Church Trustee **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2014-2016; 2020 **Prior Legislative Positions Held**

Chair, Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services, 85th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Education, 83rd Legislature **Other Public Service** Monongalia County Board of Education; Chair, Morgantown, Monongalia County Metropolitan Planning ORG **Religion** Methodist **Telephone** (304) 376-7336 **C.** (304) 879-5773 **H.** (304) 340-3153 **O. Email** Joe.Statler@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTY-EIGHTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Monongalia County]

**GENO CHIARELLI****78th District, Monongalia County****Republican****Vice Chair, Public Health**

Born December 7, 1994 **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Religion** Roman Catholic **Telephone** (304) 340-3158 **O. Email** Geno.Chiarelli@wvhouse.gov

SEVENTY-NINTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Monongalia County]

**EVAN HANSEN****79th District, Monongalia County****Democrat****Minority Chair, Energy and Public Works****Minority Vice Chair, Judiciary****Deputy Minority Leader**

Company President **Born** July 22, 1966, in Newark, New Jersey **Parents** Eleanor and Edwin Hansen **Children** Shelby Reese Hansen **Education** B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; M.S. in Energy and Resources, University of California-Berkeley **Affiliations**

Board of Directors, Main Street Morgantown; Board of Directors of Spark! Imagination and Science Center; Board of Directors of Canaan Valley Institute; Morgantown Chamber of Commerce **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2018 **Religion** Jewish **Telephone** (304) 503-4933 C. (304) 340-3125 **O. Email** Evan.Hansen@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTIETH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Monongalia County]

**JOHN WILLIAMS****80th District, Monongalia County****Democrat****Minority Chair, Finance**

Financial Advisor **Born** May 24, 1990, in Morgantown, West Virginia **Parents** Jacques and Janet Williams **Spouse** Jaime Williams **Education** Bachelor's Degree, WVU **Affiliations** Rotary; Saint Mary's Catholic Church; Morgantown High School Foundation **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2016 **Religion** Catholic **Telephone** (304) 685-7669 **H.** (304) 340-3173 **O. Email** John.Williams@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTY-FIRST DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Monongalia County]

**ANITRA HAMILTON****81st District, Monongalia County****Democrat****Minority Chair, Education****Minority Vice Chair, Health and Human
Resources**

Healthcare Worker **Born** June 20, 1977 **Parents** Frances Anthony and Roscoe and Mary Hamilton **Education** Mt. View High School, McDowell County; West Virginia University, BA Psychology (2000); BA Biology (2001); Nursing (2004) **Affiliations** Morgantown-Kingwood Branch NAACP (President), Alpha

Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Chair of the annual Pretty 5K race for scholarship funding of college students, WVU Office of the Provost Council for Gender Equity (Vice Chair), Women of Color Committee, and Interpersonal Violence Committee, WVU L.E.A.D.(Leadership, Excellence, Achievement Development) Advisory Council, Advisor to 100 Black Women at WVU student organization, WVU Faculty Senate Inclusion & Diversity Committee, WVU Medicine Bone & Joint Hospital Orthopedic Unit CUSP (Comprehensive Unit Safety Program) Committee, WVU Medicine Bone & Joint Hospital Orthopedic Unit Recruitment & Retention Committee, Agape Life Ministries Ordained Minister **Legislature Service** Appointed to the House April 26, 2023; Elected 2024 **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3900 **Email** Anitra.Hamilton@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTY-SECOND DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Monongalia County]

**DAVID MCCORMICK****82nd District, Monongalia County****Republican****Vice Chair, Agriculture, Commerce, and
Tourism**

Self Employed - Omega Commercial Interiors

Born January 11, 1969 in Morgantown, WestVirginia **Spouse** Lisa McCormick **Parents** DavidMcCormick Sr, Janis Clark **Education** WVU

1991 BS Marketing WVU MBA Essentials Aug

- Dec 2001 **Affiliations** WV Golf Association- Executive Board Member **Public Service**

Judicial Compensation Commission - Board

Member WV Lottery - Commissioner WVU Cancer Institute - Leadership

Council Member Monongalia Co Development Authority - Board Member

WVU School of Business and Economics Visiting Committee - Board

Member WVU Davis School of Design, Architecture and Natural Resources

- Advisory Board **Religion** Protestant **Telephone** (304) 340-3127 **O. Email**

David.McCormick@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTY-THIRD DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Preston County]

**GEORGE STREET****83rd District, Preston County****Republican****Vice Chair, Energy and Manufacturing**

Explosive Ordnance Technician; Farmer

Education U.S. Army EOD school **Legislative****Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Affiliations**

Chamber of Commerce; Farm Bureau; Free

Mason; Historical Society; Lions Club; VFW

Religion Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3160 **O.****Email** George.Street@wvhouse.gov**EIGHTY-FOURTH DELEGATE DISTRICT**

[A portion of Preston County]

**D.R. "BUCK" JENNINGS****84th District, Preston County****Republican****Chair, Homeland Security**Self-Employed **Born** September 3, 1951, inClarksburg, West Virginia **Parents** MauriceJennings and Doris A. Jennings **Spouse** Evelyn J.Jennings **Children** Christopher Rolland, StaceyD. Marshall and Timothy Craig **Grandchildren**Cory, Blake and Evelyn **Great Grandchildren**Casen and Huntlea **Education** 14 years**Legislative Service** Appointed to the House

October 10, 2017; Elected to the House 2018

Prior Legislative Positions Held Chair, Committee on Homeland Security, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Vice Chair, Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services, 84th Legislature **Religion** United Methodist **Telephone** (304) 892-3891 **H.** (304) 216-1250 **C.** (304) 340-3396 **O.** **Email** Buck.Jennings@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTY-FIFTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Grant and Tucker Counties]

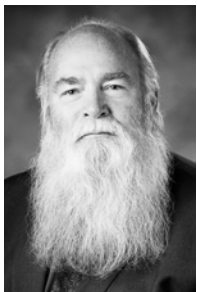
**JOHN PAUL HOTT II****85th District, Grant County****Republican****Vice Chair, Appropriations**

Insurance/Disposal Service **Born** September 23, 1969 in Petersburg, West Virginia **Parents** Randall Alt and Darlene Rohrbaugh /John Hott Sr. and Pam Hott **Spouse** Karen Hott **Children** Brooke Elizabeth, John Paul III, Sarah Ann and Raphael Heber **Education** Bachelor's in Education, Master's in Administration Supervision **Affiliations** Gideons **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2018 **Prior**

Legislative Positions Held Vice Chair, Committee on Banking and Insurance, 85th Legislature **Other Public Service** City of Petersburg City Council **Religion** Pentecostal Christian **Telephone** (304) 257-4494 **O. Email** JohnPaul.Hott@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTY-SIXTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Hardy and a portion of Pendleton County]

**BRYAN C. WARD****86th District, Hardy County****Republican****Vice Chair, Homeland Security**

Retired Sheriff, Retired Firefighter/Paramedic, Carpenter, Farmer **Born** September 15, 1965 **Spouse** Cheryl Ward **Children** Marissa Ward **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020 **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3154 **O. Email** Bryan.Ward@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTY-SEVENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Mineral County]

**GARY G. HOWELL****87th District, Mineral County****Republican****Chair, Economic Development**

Small Business Owner/Mail Order Auto Parts

Born November 1, 1966, in Cumberland,Maryland **Parents** Glenn and Gloria Howell**Spouse** Kristen Kay Howell **Education** Keyser

High School; Potomac State College; AA,

B.S., Frostburg State University **Affiliations**

Past President, Keyser Rotary Club; Associate

Member, Fountain Ruritan; Member, National

Society of the Sons of the American Revolution,

West Virginia Chapter; Mineral County Chamber of Commerce; National

Rifle Association; SEMA; National Chairman Emeritus and Lifetime

Achievement Award, State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus;

Former member, West Virginia Motorsports Council; Member, Keyser Moose;

Represents West Virginia's House of Delegates on the Southern Legislative

Conferences; SLC Executive Committee; Vice Chair Economic Development,

Transportation and Cultural Affairs Committee **Recipient** 2003 United States

Small Business Administration Exporter of the Year, West Virginia; 2006, A

Top 40 West Virginian under 40, The State Journal; 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010,

2011 and 2012 Governor's Commendation for International Market Entry

Legislative Service Elected to the House 2010 **Prior Legislative Positions****Held** Redistricting, Chair; Mine Reclamation, Chair; Select Committee onTourism; Speaker Pro Tempore, 85th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee onInterstate Cooperation, 85th Legislature; Chair, Committee on GovernmentOrganization, 82nd, 83rd and 84th Legislatures; Minority Chair, GovernmentOrganization, 81st Legislature **Other Public Service** Former Vice President,

Mineral County Planning Commission; Former Chair, Current Vice Chair,

Mineral County Republican Executive Committee; Board Member, Potomac

Highland Guild **Religion** Global Methodist **Telephone** (304) 790-9022 **O.****Email** Gary.Howell@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTY-EIGHTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Hampshire and Mineral Counties]

**RICK HILLENBRAND****88th District, Hampshire County****Republican****Vice Chair, Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology**

Retired Naval Engineer / Program Manager **Born** on Staten Island, New York **Parents** the late Fred and Lucille Hillenbrand **Spouse** Barbie **Children** Chris and Karl Hillenbrand; Matt and Wesley Bogar; 7 grandchildren **Education** (Ocean) Engineer - Massachusetts Institute of Technology M.S. (Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering) - Massachusetts Institute of Technology B.E. (Naval Architecture) - SUNY Maritime College

Legislative Service Elected to the House 2022 **Affiliations** Boy Scouts of America (past National Capital Area Council Commissioner and member of several Boards of Directors), American Society of Naval Engineers (life member), Bluffs on the Potomac Property Owners Association (Board of Directors), Refresh Restart Romney (Board of Directors), St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (Trustee, Vestry), Military Officers Association of America, National Rifle Association **Religion** Episcopal **Telephone** (304) 340-3176 **O. Email** Rick.Hillenbrand@wvhouse.gov

EIGHTY-NINTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Hampshire and Morgan Counties]

**DAVID CANNON****89th District, Hampshire County****Republican**

Telephone (304) 340-3157 **O. Email** David.Cannon@wvhouse.gov

NINETIETH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Berkeley and Morgan Counties]

**GEORGE A. MILLER****90th District, Morgan County
Republican**

Retired Maintenance Supervisor, Morgan County Schools **Born** November 27, 1952, in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania **Parents** Paul and Betty Miller **Spouse** Barbara Ann Miller **Children** George Miller, MacKenzie Miller, Jim Whisner, Jenny Smith **Education** East Stroudsburg Area High School, College Business Courses **Affiliations** Service Personnel Member; Eastern Panhandle Basketball Association **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020

Religion Member, First United Methodist Church **Telephone** (304) 340-3177 **O. Email** George.Miller@wvhouse.gov

NINETY-FIRST DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Berkeley County]

**IAN MASTERS****91st District, Berkeley County
Republican**

Attorney **Born** February 27, 1986 **Parents** The late Jack Masters and Judie Reed **Spouse** Katelyn **Children** Thomas, Elsa, Lorelei, Jack **Education** B.S. History (West Virginia University) 2008 Juris Doctor (West Virginia University College of Law) 2011 **Affiliations** West Virginia Citizens Defense League (former President) **Public Service** Eastern Panhandle Business Assoc. **Religion** Christian, Crossroads Church (Martinsburg, West Virginia) **Telephone** (304) 340-3147 **O. Email** Ian.Masters@wvhouse.gov

NINETY-SECOND DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Berkeley County]

**MICHAEL HITE****92nd District, Berkeley County****Republican****Vice Chair, Health and Human Resources**

Business Owner **Born** July 8, 1966 in Martinsburg, West Virginia **Parents** Kenneth Hite; Doreen Schaffner **Spouse** Pamla Hite **Children** Desirae Farris; Jesse Feddon; Michael Hite II; Stephen Hite **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Telephone** (304) 340-3188 **O. Email** Michael.Hite@wvhouse.gov

NINETY-THIRD DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Berkeley County]

**MICHAEL HORNBY****93rd District, Berkeley County****Republican****Vice Chair, Educational Choice**

CEO **Born** in Chiredzi **Spouse** Kresha **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Telephone** (304) 340-3138 **O. Email** Michael.Hornby@wvhouse.gov

NINETY-FOURTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Berkeley County]



DONALD LEE BENNETT
94th District, Berkeley County
Republican

Legislative Service Appointed to the House March 24, 2026; **Telephone** ((304) 340-3122 **O. E-mail** Donaldlee.Bennett@wvhouse.gov

NINETY-FIFTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Berkeley County]



CHUCK HORST
95th District, Berkeley County
Republican
Vice Chair, Revenue

Business Owner **Born** September 20, 1958, in Hagerstown, Maryland **Parents** Charles K. Horst, Myra Rock Horst **Spouse** Sherri A. Rebuck Horst **Children** Charles Jr., Michelle and Christina **Affiliations** National Rifle Association; West Virginia Citizens Defense League; Eastern Panhandle Business Association **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020 **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 274-1817 **C.** (304)

340-3148 **O. Email** Chuck.Horst@wvhouse.gov

NINETY-SIXTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Berkeley County]

**LISA K. WHITE****96th District, Berkeley County
Republican**

Retired **Born** March 7, 1959 in Washington
Parents Stanley and Ruby Ketchel **Spouse**
William **Children** Erin and Shelby **Education**
High School **Affiliations** Berkeley County
Republican Club, Covenant Church **Religion**
Catholic **Telephone** (304) 340-3274 **O. Email**
Lisa.White@wvhouse.gov

NINETY-SEVENTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[Portions of Berkeley and Jefferson Counties]

**S. CHRIS ANDERS****97th District, Berkeley County
Republican**

Political Consultant **Born** August 22, 1971 in
Hagerstown, MD **Parents** Steve and Linda Anders
Spouse Laura Anders **Children** Elizabeth Nicole
Anders **Education** Hagerstown Community
College **Affiliations** Sons of the American
Revolution **Public Service** National Association
of Gun Rights, Students for Life, Right to Work,
Campaign for Liberty, Young Americans for
Liberty, instructor for the Foundation for Applied
Conservative Leadership **Religion** Christian

Telephone (304) 340-3350 **O. Email** Chris.Anders@wvhouse.gov

NINETY-EIGHTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Jefferson County]



JOE FUNKHOUSER
98th District, Jefferson County
Republican
Assistant Majority Whip

Telephone (304) 340-3130 **O. Email** Joe.Funkhouser@wvhouse.gov

NINETY-NINTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Jefferson County]



WAYNE CLARK
99th District, Jefferson County
Republican
Vice Chair, Economic Development and Tourism

Owner Locust Hill Golf Course **Born** February 16, 1972, in Baltimore, Maryland **Parents** Gerald J. Clark Sr. and Barbara Clark **Spouse** Wendy Clark **Children** Casey, Mattie and Meghan Clark **Education** A.A. Degree, Community College of Baltimore **Affiliations** Professional Golfers Association of America; First Tee of West Virginia **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020 **Other Public Service** 2011-2015 Charles Town City Council **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 340-3366 **O. Email** Wayne.Clark@wvhouse.gov

ONE HUNDREDTH DELEGATE DISTRICT

[A portion of Jefferson County]

**BILL RIDENOUR****100th District, Jefferson County****Republican****Assistant Majority Whip**

Retired Marine Corps Officer and retired Defense Intelligence Officer **Born** May 7, 1958 **Parents** Barbara and the late William Ridenour **Spouse** Jean Ridenour **Children** William, Matthew and Andrew; granddaughter – Audrey **Education** B.A. History, Purdue University; Defense Intelligence College; Marine Corps Command and Staff College; Master's Economics, University of Oklahoma; Distinguished Graduate

and Master's in Strategic Studies, Marine Corps War College **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Affiliations** Member, West Virginia Citizens Defense League; Member, Gun Owners of America; Life Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); Eastern Panhandle Business Association **Religion** Wisconsin Synod, Lutheran **Telephone** (304) 340-3248 **O. Email** Bill.Ridenour@wvhouse.gov

In Memoriam



Larry Kump
94th Delegate District
Berkeley County
January 27, 1948 – February 28, 2026
9 years, 2 months

2020 POPULATION OF COUNTIES*

County	Population	County	Population
Barbour	15,465	Mineral	26,938
Berkeley	122,076	Mingo	23,568
Boone	21,809	Monongalia.....	105,822
Braxton.....	12,447	Monroe	12,376
Brooke	22,559	Morgan	17,063
Cabell	94,350	Nicholas	24,604
Calhoun	6,229	Ohio	42,425
Clay	8,051	Pendleton	6,143
Doddridge	7,808	Pleasants	7,653
Fayette	40,488	Pocahontas	7,869
Gilmer	7,408	Preston	34,216
Grant	10,976	Putnam	57,440
Greenbrier	32,977	Raleigh.....	74,591
Hampshire	23,093	Randolph	27,932
Hancock	29,095	Ritchie	8,444
Hardy.....	14,299	Roane	14,028
Harrison.....	65,921	Summers	11,959
Jackson	27,791	Taylor.....	16,705
Jefferson	57,701	Tucker	6,762
Kanawha	180,745	Tyler.....	8,313
Lewis	17,033	Upshur	23,816
Lincoln	20,463	Wayne	38,982
Logan	32,567	Webster	8,378
McDowell	19,111	Wetzel	14,442
Marion	56,205	Wirt	5,194
Marshall	30,591	Wood.....	84,296
Mason.....	24,453	Wyoming	21,382
Mercer	59,664		

*Total population of West Virginia, U. S. Census as of April 1, 2020, 1,793,716

HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPORTIONMENT, 2021
(Based on 2020 Census)

District	County	Number of Delegates	Population 2020
1 st	Portions of Brooke and Hancock	1	18,807
2 nd	Portions of Brooke and Hancock	1	18,831
3 rd	Portions of Brooke and Ohio	1	18,817
4 th	A portion of Ohio	1	18,830
5 th	A portion of Ohio	1	18,794
6 th	A portion of Marshall	1	18,747
7 th	Portions of Marshall and Wetzel	1	18,828
8 th	Doddridge and portions of Tyler and Wetzel	1	18,566
9 th	Pleasants, Ritchie and a portion of Tyler	1	18,524
10 th	A portion of Wood	1	17,073
11 th	A portion of Wood	1	17,145
12 th	A portion of Wood	1	17,129
13 th	A portion of Wood	1	17,055
14 th	Portions of Wirt and Wood	1	17,079
15 th	Roane and a portion of Wirt	1	18,037
16 th	A portion of Jackson	1	18,735
17 th	Portions of Jackson and Mason	1	18,103
18 th	Portions of Mason and Putnam	1	17,429
19 th	A portion of Putnam	1	18,791
20 th	A portion of Putnam	1	18,823
21 st	A portion of Putnam	1	18,803
22 nd	A portion of Cabell	1	17,068
23 rd	A portion of Cabell	1	17,069
24 th	A portion of Cabell	1	17,052
25 th	A portion of Cabell	1	18,791
26 th	A portion of Cabell	1	17,355
27 th	Portions of Cabell and Wayne	1	17,560
28 th	A portion of Wayne	1	17,222
29 th	Portions of Mingo and Wayne	1	17,069
30 th	A portion of Lincoln	1	18,695
31 st	Portions of Boone, Lincoln and Logan	1	18,829
32 nd	A portion of Boone	1	18,484
33 rd	A portion of Logan	1	18,831
34 th	Portions of McDowell and Mingo	1	18,038
35 th	A portion of Wyoming	1	17,696
36 th	A portion of McDowell	1	18,787
37 th	A portion of Mercer	1	18,707
38 th	A portion of Mercer	1	18,822
39 th	A portion of Mercer	1	18,813
40 th	Portions of Monroe and Summers	1	18,809
41 st	Portions of Mercer, Raleigh and Summers	1	18,700
42 nd	A portion of Raleigh	1	18,821
43 rd	Portions of Raleigh and Wyoming	1	18,234
44 th	A portion of Raleigh	1	18,778
45 th	Portions of Fayette and Raleigh	1	17,459
46 th	Portions of Greenbrier and Pocahontas	1	17,407
47 th	Portions of Greenbrier and Monroe	1	18,023
48 th	Portions of Greenbrier and Nicholas	1	17,467
49 th	A portion of Nicholas	1	17,080
50 th	A portion of Fayette	1	17,267

District	County	Number of Delegates	Population 2020
51 st	A portion of Fayette	1	17,575
52 nd	Portions of Fayette and Greenbrier	1	18,594
53 rd	A portion of Kanawha	1	17,602
54 th	A portion of Kanawha	1	18,830
55 th	A portion of Kanawha	1	18,312
56 th	A portion of Kanawha	1	17,557
57 th	A portion of Kanawha	1	18,820
58 th	A portion of Kanawha	1	18,126
59 th	A portion of Kanawha	1	17,519
60 th	A portion of Kanawha	1	18,765
61 st	A portion of Kanawha	1	17,282
62 nd	Calhoun, Clay and a Portion of Gilmer	1	17,076
63 rd	Braxton and a portion of Gilmer	1	17,059
64 th	Lewis and a portion of Upshur	1	18,043
65 th	A portion of Upshur	1	17,961
66 th	Portions of Pocahontas and Randolph	1	17,471
67 th	Portions of Pendleton and Randolph	1	17,802
68 th	Barbour and a portion of Upshur	1	18,804
69 th	Portions of Harrison and Lewis	1	17,773
70 th	A portion of Harrison	1	17,814
71 st	A portion of Harrison	1	17,114
72 nd	Portions of Harrison and Wetzel	1	17,065
73 rd	Taylor and a portion of Marion	1	17,761
74 th	A portion of Marion	1	17,863
75 th	A portion of Marion	1	18,780
76 th	A portion of Marion	1	18,506
77 th	Portions of Monongalia and Wetzel	1	17,226
78 th	A portion of Monongalia	1	18,617
79 th	A portion of Monongalia	1	17,075
80 th	A portion of Monongalia	1	17,185
81 st	A portion of Monongalia	1	17,170
82 nd	A portion of Monongalia	1	18,796
83 rd	A portion of Preston	1	17,126
84 th	A portion of Preston	1	17,090
85 th	Grant and Tucker	1	17,738
86 th	Hardy and a portion of Pendleton	1	17,069
87 th	A portion of Mineral	1	17,367
88 th	Portions of Hampshire and Mineral	1	17,069
89 th	Portions of Hampshire and Morgan	1	18,753
90 th	Portions of Berkeley and Morgan	1	18,774
91 st	A portion of Berkeley	1	18,125
92 nd	A portion of Berkeley	1	18,426
93 rd	A portion of Berkeley	1	17,159
94 th	A portion of Berkeley	1	17,079
95 th	A portion of Berkeley	1	17,300
96 th	A portion of Berkeley	1	17,455
97 th	Portions of Berkeley and Jefferson	1	17,074
98 th	A portion of Jefferson	1	17,155
99 th	A portion of Jefferson	1	17,514
100 th	A portion of Jefferson	1	17,621

POLITICAL COMPOSITION — WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE **1900 - 2026**

Legislature	*Year Elected	House of Delegates		Republicans	**Other	Members	Senate	
		Members	Democrats				Democrats	Republicans
25th	1900	71	21	50		26	8	18
26th	1902	86	29	57		30	5	25
27th	1904	86	25	61		30	5	25
28th	1906	86	26	60		30	5	25
29th	1908	86	25	61		30	7	23
30th	1910	86	63	23		30	15	15
31st	1912	86	33	53		30	15	15
32nd	1914	86	27	56	3	30	9	21
33rd	1916	94	52	42		30	10	20
34th	1918	94	24	70		30	7	23
35th	1920	94	21	73		30	4	26
36th	1922	94	65	29		30	11	19
37th	1924	94	40	54		30	14	16
38th	1926	94	33	60		30	9	21
39th	1928	94	31	63	1	30	6	24
40th	1930	94	68	26		30	13	17
41st	1932	94	79	15		30	24	6
42nd	1934	94	72	22		30	24	6
43rd	1936	94	82	12		30	24	6
44th	1938	94	70	24		32	27	5
45th	1940	94	74	20		32	26	6
46th	1942	94	50	44		32	22	10
47th	1944	94	65	29		32	21	11
48th	1946	94	56	38		32	20	12

Legislature	*Year Elected	House of Delegates	Members	Democrats	Republicans	**Other	Members	Senate Democrats	Republicans
49th	1948	78	94		16		32	20	12
50th	1950	67	94		27		32	23	9
51st	1952	67	100		33		32	22	10
52nd	1954	76	100		24		32	23	9
53rd	1956	58	100		42		32	21	11
54th	1958	85	100		15		32	23	9
55th	1960	82	100		18		32	25	7
56th	1962	76	100		24		32	23	9
57th	1964	91	100		9		34	27	7
58th	1966	65	100		35		34	25	9
59th	1968	63	100		37		34	22	12
60th	1970	68	100		32		34	23	11
61st	1972	57	100		43		34	24	10
62nd	1974	86	100		14		34	26	8
63rd	1976	91	100		9		34	28	6
64th	1978	74	100		26		34	26	8
65th	1980	78	100		22		34	27	7
66th	1982	87	100		13		34	31	3
67th	1984	73	100		27		34	30	4
68th	1986	78	100		22		34	27	7
69th	1988	80	100		20		34	30	4
70th	1990	74	100		26		34	33	1
71st	1992	79	100		21		34	32	2
72nd	1994	69	100		31		34	26	8
73rd	1996	74	100		26		34	25	9
74th	1998	75	100		25		34	29	5
75th	2000	75	100		25		34	28	6
76th	2002	69	100		31		34	24	10
77th	2004	68	100		32		34	21	13
78th	2006	72	100		28		34	23	11
79th	2008	71	100		29		34	26	8

Legislature	*Year Elected	House of Delegates		House of Delegates	Members	**Other	Members	Senate Democrats	Senate Republicans
		Members	Democrats	Republicans					
80th	2010	100	65	35			34	28	6
81st***	2012	100	53	47			34	24	10
82nd***	2014	100	36	64			34	16	18
83rd***	2016	100	35	64	1		34	12	22
84th***	2018	100	41	58	1		34	14	20
85th***	2020	100	22	78			34	11	23
86th***	2022	100	11	89			34	3	31
87th	2024	100	9	91			34	2	32

*This Column applies to House members only since only one half of the Senate is elected every two years.

**Elected on ticket other than that of the Democratic or Republican parties.

***Count reflects members who changed parties after election.

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURES

Election	Term Begins	Legislature	Election	Term Begins	Legislature
1863	1863	1st	1949	1950	49th
1864	1864	2nd	1951	1952	50th
1865	1865	3rd	1953	1954	51st
1866	1866	4th	1955	1956	52nd
1867	1867	5th	1957	1958	53rd
1868	1868	6th	1959	1960	54th
1869	1869	7th	1961	1962	55th
1870	1870	8th	1963	1964	56th
1871	1871	9th	1965	1966	57th
1872	1872	10th	1967	1968	58th
1873	1874	11th	1969	1970	59th
1875	1876	12th	1971	1972	60th
1877	1878	13th	1973	1974	61st
1879	1880	14th	1975	1976	62nd
1881	1882	15th	1977	1978	63rd
1883	1884	16th	1979	1980	64th
1885	1886	17th	1981	1982	65th
1887	1888	18th	1983	1984	66th
1889	1890	19th	1985	1986	67th
1891	1892	20th	1987	1988	68th
1893	1894	21st	1989	1990	69th
1895	1896	22nd	1991	1992	70th
1897	1898	23rd	1993	1994	71st
1899	1900	24th	1995	1996	72nd
1901	1902	25th	1997	1998	73rd
1903	1904	26th	1999	2000	74th
1905	1906	27th	2001	2002	75th
1907	1908	28th	2003	2004	76th
1909	1910	29th	2005	2006	77th
1911	1912	30th	2007	2008	78th
1913	1914	31st	2009	2010	79th
1915	1916	32nd	2011	2012	80th
1917	1918	33rd	2013	2014	81st
1919	1920	34th	2015	2016	82nd
1921	1922	35th	2017	2018	83rd
1923	1924	36th	2019	2020	84th
1925	1926	37th	2021	2022	85th
1927	1928	38th	2023	2024	86th
1929	1930	39th	2025	2026	87th
1931	1932	40th			
1933	1934	41st			
1935	1936	42nd			
1937	1938	43rd			
1939	1940	44th			
1941	1942	45th			
1943	1944	46th			
1945	1946	47th			
1947	1948	48th			

NAME	YEARS ELECTED	YEARS OF SERVICE (DOES NOT INCLUDE 2025-2026 SESSIONS)
Anderson	1992 - 2024	32 Consecutive Years
Ellington, Howell	2010 - 2024	14 Consecutive Years
Cooper	2012 - 2024	12 Consecutive Years
McGeehan	2008; 2014 - 2024	12 Years
Canterbury	2000-2012; 2024	12 Years
Criss	Appt. Dec. 8, 1987; 1988; 2016 - 2024	11 Years, 1 month
Gearheart	2010 - 2016; 2020-2024	12 Years
Fluharty, Hanshaw, Hornbuckle, Pushkin, Rohrbach	2014 - 2024	10 Consecutive Years
Eldridge	2004-2008; 2012-2016; 2024	10 Years
Butler	2012 - 2018; 2024	10 Years
Dean, Williams	2016 - 2024	8 Consecutive Years
Statler, Zatezalo	2014 - 2016; 2020-2024	8 Years
Jennings	Appt. Oct. 10, 2017; 2018 - 2024	7 Years, 3 Months Consecutive Service
Linville	Appt. Aug. 1, 2018; 2018 - 2024	6 Years, 5 Months Consecutive Service
Jeffries	Appt. Sept 5, 2018; 2018 - 2024	6 Years, 4 Months Consecutive Service
Hansen, Hott, Martin, Phillips, Toney, Worrell	2018 - 2024	6 Consecutive Years
Ward	Appt. Jan 27, 2024; 2017-2022	6 years
Campbell	Appt. Oct. 30, 2017; Elected 2018; Appt. Sept. 13, 2024	5 Years, 2 Months

NAME	YEARS ELECTED	YEARS OF SERVICE (DOES NOT INCLUDE 2025-2026 SESSIONS)
Bridges, Burkhammer, Clark, Ferrell, Holstein, Horst, Kimble, Mallow, Mazzocchi, Miller, Pinson, Riley, D. Smith, Young	2020-2024	4 Consecutive Years
Maynor	Appt. Aug. 19, 2021; 2024	3 Year, 4 Months Consecutive Service
Crouse	Appt. Nov. 24, 2021; 2024	3 Year, 1 Month Consecutive Service
J. Cannon	Appt. Jun. 14, 2022; 2024	2 Years 6 Months Consecutive Service
Brooks, Chiarelli, Coop-Gonzalez, Dillon, Dittman, Fehrenbacher, Foggin, Hall, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Hite, Hornby, Lucas, Marple, Petitto, Pritt, Ridenour, Shamblin, Sheedy, Street, Vance, Willis	2022-2024	2 Years Consecutive Service
Hamilton	Appt. April 26, 2023 2024	2 Years 8 Months Consecutive Service
Lewis	Appt. Sept. 19, 2023 2024	2 Years 3 Months Consecutive Service
Stephens	Appt. Oct. 25, 2023 2024	2 Years 2 Months Consecutive Service
Moore	Appt. Oct. 30, 2023 2024	2 Years 2 Months Consecutive Service
Flanigan	Appt. Jan 15, 2016; 2024	2 Years
Akers	Appt. Jan. 9, 2024	First Term
D. Cannon	Appt. Jan 13, 2025	First Term
Green	Appt. Jan. 29, 2024	First Term
Browning	Appt. Jul. 1, 2024	First Term
Roop	Appt. Jul. 16, 2024	First Term

NAME	YEARS ELECTED	YEARS OF SERVICE (DOES NOT INCLUDE 2025-2026 SESSIONS)
Masters	Appt. Jan. 23, 2025	First Term
Bell	Appt. Jul. 7, 2025	First Term
Watt	Appt. Oct. 3, 2025	First Term
Jordan	Appt. Jan. 13, 2026	First Term
Kelly	Appt. Feb. 17, 2026	First Term
Bennett	Appt. March 24, 2026	First Term

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHOWING SEAT NUMBERS

(As of May 2026)

Adkins, Stanley (R).....	78	Flanigan, Bill (R).....	91
Akers, JB (R).....	19	Fluharty, Shawn (D).....	52
Amos, Michael (R).....	7	Foggin, Dave (R).....	65
Anders, Chris S. (R).....	49	Funkhouser, Joe (R).....	61
Anderson, Bill (R).....	45		
		Garcia, Rick (D).....	60
Bell, William (R).....	10	Gearheart, Marty (R).....	5
Bennett, Donald.....	48	Green, David (R).....	18
Bridges, Jordan (R).....	71		
Brooks, Eric (R).....	90	Hall, Walter (R).....	1
Browning, Ryan (R).....	47	Hamilton, Anitra (D).....	59
Burkhammer, Adam (R).....	64	Hansen, Evan (D).....	68
Butler, Jim (R).....	84	Hanshaw, Roger (R).....	13
		Heckert, Scot (R).....	74
Campbell, Jeff (R).....	21	Hillenbrand, Rick (R).....	75
Cannon, David (R).....	22	Hite, Michael (R).....	33
Cannon, Jarred (R).....	62	Holstein, Josh (R).....	63
Canterbury, Ray (R).....	8	Hornbuckle, Sean (D).....	51
Chiarelli, Geno (R).....	55	Hornby, Mike (R).....	54
Clark, Wayne (R).....	66	Horst, Chuck (R).....	31
Clay, Marshall (R).....	93	Hott, John Paul (R).....	82
Cooper, Roy (R).....	9	Howell, Gary G. (R).....	88
Coop-Gonzalez, Elias (R).....	41	Howell, Tresa (R).....	29
Criss, Vernon (R).....	14		
Crouse, Kathie Hess (R).....	70	Jeffries, Dean (R).....	12
		Jennings, D. Rolland (R).....	38
Dean, Mark (R).....	100	Jordan, John (R).....	86
DeVault, Mike (R).....	97		
Dillon, Henry C. (R).....	85	Kelly, Betsy (R).....	76
Dittman, Lori (R).....	37	Kimble, Laura (R).....	24
Donald, Bennett (R).....	48	Kyle, Jonathan (R).....	28
Drennan, Sarah (R).....	34		
		Leavitt, Tristan (R).....	35
Eldridge, Jeff (R).....	43	Lewis, Hollis (D).....	53
Ellington, Joe (R).....	3	Linville, Daniel (R).....	94
		Lucas, Patrick (R).....	77
Fehrenbacher, Bob (R).....	98		
Ferrell, Dana (R).....	50	Mallow, Phil (R).....	96
		Marple, Keith (R).....	81

Martin, Carl (R)	89	Stephens, Jeff (R)	80
Masters, Ian (R)	87	Street, George (R)	56
Maynor, Jordan (R)	20		
Mazzocchi, Margitta (R)	23	Toney, Christopher W. (R) ...	40
McCormick, David (R)	27		
McGeehan, Pat (R)	6	Vance, Adam (R)	95
Miller, George (R)	97		
Moore, Erica (R)	11	Ward, Bryan (R)	69
		Ward, Guy (R)	79
Parsons, Joe (R)	42	Watt, Gregory (R)	73
Petitto, Mickey (R)	30	White, Lisa (R)	36
Phillips, Chris (R)	25	Williams, John (D)	57
Pinson, Jonathan (R)	16	Willis, Jimmy (R)	83
Pritt, David Elliott (R)	92	Worrell, Evan (R)	32
Pushkin, Mike (D)	67		
		Young, Kayla (D)	58
Ridenour, Bill (R)	17		
Riley, Clay (R)	15	Zatezalo, Mark (R)	46
Rohrbach, Matthew (R)	4		
Roop, Carl "Bill" (R)	72		
Shamblin, Andy (R)	2		
Sheedy Sr., Charles R. (R) ...	44		
Smith, Bryan (R)	99		
Smith, Doug (R)	26		
Statler, Joe (R)	39		

Standing Committees of the House

87th Legislature

(As of May 2026)

Speaker: Roger Hanshaw

Speaker Pro Tempore: Matthew Rohrbach

Deputy Speaker: Joe Ellington and Matthew Rohrbach

Majority Leader: Pat McGeehan

Majority Whip: Marty Gearheart

Assistant Majority Leaders:

David Elliott Pritt, David Green, Erica Moore,

David McCormick, Mickey Petitto

Assistant Majority Whips:

Jordan Bridges, Eric Brooks, Jim Butler,
Sarah Drennan, Dave Foggin, Joe Funkhouser,
Jonathan Pinson, Bill Ridenour

Minority Leader: Sean Hornbuckle

Minority Leader Pro Tempore: Kayla Young

Deputy Minority Leader: Evan Hansen

Minority Whip: Shawn Fluharty

Clerk: Jeffrey Pack

Doorkeeper: Robert Stewart

Sergeant-At-Arms: Edward Hart II

Education

Statler (Chair), Toney (Vice Chair), Hamilton (Minority Chair), Garcia (Minority Vice-Chair), Bell, Campbell, Chiarelli, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Dittman, Ellington, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Miller, Pritt, Pushkin, Shamblin, Stephens, Vance, Ward, White and Willis.

Educational Choice

Crouse (Chair), Hornby (Vice-Chair), Chiarelli, Kimble, Pritt, Pushkin, Shamblin, Statler, Stephens and White.

Public Education

Campbell (Chair), Bell, Coop-Gonzalez, Ellington, Hamilton, Jennings, Miller, Stephens, Toney and Ward B.

Higher Education

Dittman (Chair), Willis (Vice-Chair), Coop Gonzalez, Garcia, Mallow, Miller, Parsons, Pritt, Vance and White.

Energy and Public Works

Anderson (Chair), Zatezalo (Vice-Chair), Hansen (Minority Chair) Young (Minority Vice-Chair), Bridges, Campbell, Crouse, Dillon, Eldridge,

Fehrenbacher, Green, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Howell G., Jordan, Kelly, Leavitt, Linville, Lucas, Moore, Parsons, Riley, Sheedy, Street and Ward G.

Economic Development

Howell G., (Chair), Campbell, Cannon D., Green, Jordan, Kelly, Leavitt, Linville, Lucas, Moore, Parsons, Street and Young.

Energy and Manufacturing

Fehrenbacher (Chair), Street (Vice-Chair), Bridges, Crouse, Eldridge, Green, Hansen, Jordan, Moore, Parsons, Sheedy and Ward G.

Environment, Infrastructure and Technology

Linville (Chair), Hillenbrand (Vice-Chair), Bridges, Cannon D., Dillon, Eldridge, Green, Hansen, Holstein, Kelly, Moore and Parsons.

Finance

Criss (Chair), Riley (Vice-Chair), Williams (Minority Chair), Hornbuckle (Vice-Chair), Anderson, Cannon J., Canterbury, Cooper, Dittman, Ellington, Fehrenbacher, Gearheart, Hall, Hite, Horst, Hott, Howell G., Jeffries, Linville, Mazzocchi, Rohrbach, Statler, Toney, Worrell and Zatezlo.

Appropriations

Hott (Chair), Cooper (Vice-Chair), Anderson, Cannon J., Fehrenbacher, Hornbuckle, Jeffries, Riley, Rohrbach and Zatezlo.

Banking and Insurance

Hall (Chair), Jeffries (Vice-Chair), Ellington, Fehrenbacher, Hott, Linville, Riley, Rohrbach, Williams and Zatezlo.

Investments

Cannon J. (Chair), Canterbury (Vice-Chair), Dittman, Gearheart, Hite, Hornbuckle, Horst, Statler, Toney and Worrell.

Revenue

Gearheart (Chair), Horst (Vice-Chair), Canterbury, Dittman, Hall, Howell G., Linville, Mazzocchi, Statler and Williams.

Government Organization

Phillips (Chair), Smith D. (Vice-Chair), Young (Minority Chair), Lewis (Minority Vice-Chair), Adkins, Bennett, Brooks, Browning, Burkhammer, Cannon J., Clark, Clay, Dean, Drennan, Ferrell, Foggin, Hott, Howell T., Kyle, Leavitt, Lucas, McCormick, Pinson, Sheedy, Smith B. and Street.

Agriculture, Commerce and Tourism

Lucas (Chair), McCormick (Vice-Chair), Adkins, Brooks, Browning, Clark, Foggin, Kyle, Lewis and Smith B.

Government Administration

Pinson (Chair), Dean (Vice-Chair), Brooks, Browning, Clay, Foggin, Howell T., Kyle, Leavitt, McCormick, Smith B. and Young.

Local Governemnts

Ferrell (Chair), Sheedy (Vice-Chair), Adkins, Brooks, Browning, Burkhammer, Clay, Drennan, Foggin, Howell T., Kyle, Leavitt, McCormick and Young.

Health and Human Resources

Worrell (Chair), Hite (Vice-Chair), Pushkin (Minority Chair), Hamilton (Minority Vice-Chair), Amos, Anders, Burkhammer, Chiarelli, Clark, Dean, Drennan, Hall, Heckert, Jeffries, Lewis, Mazzocchi, Miller, Petitto, Pinson, Rohrbach, Smith D., Stephens, Vance, Watt and Willis.

Health Care Regulations

Jeffries (Chair), Vance (Vice Chair), Amos, Anders, Chiarelli, Clark, Drennan, Lewis, Masters, Smith D and Watt.

Human Services

Burkhammer (Chair), Mazzocchi (Vice-Chair), Hall, Hamilton, Heckert, Hite, Miller, Petitto, Pinson and Willis.

Public Health

Heckert (Chair), Chiarelli (Vice-Chair), Amos, Anders, Dean, Drennan, Masters, Miller, Petitto, Pushkin and Watt.

Judiciary

Akers (Chair), Maynor (Vice-Chair), Fluharty (Minority Chair), Hansen (Minority Vice-Chair), Butler, Cannon D., Ferrell, Flanigan, Funkhouser, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Marple,

Martin, Masters, Phillips, Ridenour, Roop, Shamblin, and Ward B.

Courts

Mallow (Chair), Shamblin (Vice-Chair), Cannon D., Flanigan, Fluharty, Funkhouser, Marple, Roop and Ward B.

Homeland Security

Jennings (Chair), Ward B. (Vice-Chair), Butler, Ferrell, Funkhouser. Hansen, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Phillips and Ridenour.

Legal Services

Kimble (Chair), Holstein (Vice-Chair), Butler, Flanigan, Fluharty, Hornby, Marple, Maynor, Ridenour and Roop.

Rules

Hanshaw (Chair), McGeehan (Vice-Chair), Akers, Anderson, Criss, Ellington, Gearheart, Hornbuckle, Hornby, Hott, Howell G., Jeffries, Linville, Phillips, Riley, Rohrbach, Statler, Toney, Worrell and Young.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES 1863-2026

SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
Patrick, Spicer (R)	Kanawha	1863
Kramer, Lee Roy (R)	Monongalia	1864-1865
Pinnell, David S. (R)	Upshur	1866-1867
McWhorter, Henry C. (R)	Kanawha	1868
Fleming, Solomon S. (R)	Harrison	1869
Welch, William M. (R)	Mineral	1870
Cracraft, Elbridge G. (D)	Ohio	1871
¹ Summers, Albert E. (D)	Kanawha	1872
¹ Miller, W. W. (D)	Ohio	1872
Monroe, Alexander (D)	Hampshire	1875
Gibson, Eustace (D)	Cabell	1877
Moffett, George H. (D)	Pocahontas	1879
Wilson, E. Willis (D)	Kanawha	1881
Woods, Joseph J. (D)	Ohio	1883
Dennis, Thomas H. (D)	Greenbrier	1885
Rowan, John M. (D)	Monroe	1887
Woods, Joseph J. (D)	Ohio	1889
Bennett, Louis (D)	Lewis	1891
Shaw, David W. (D)	Barbour	1893
Edwards, Wm. Seymour (R)	Kanawha	1895
Hanen, Samuel R. (R)	Marshall	1897
McKinney, Owen S. (D)	Marion	1899
Wilson, William G. (R)	Randolph	1901
Moats, Frank P. (R)	Wood	1903
Grosscup, Fred Paul (R)	Kanawha	1905
Seaman, James A. (R)	Jackson	1907
Strickling, J. H. (R)	Tyler	1909
Wetzel, C. M. (D)	Jefferson	1911
George, William T. (R)	Barbour	1913
Johnson, Vernon E. (R)	Morgan	1915
Thurmond, Joseph S. (D)	Greenbrier	1917
Wolfe, J. Luther (R)	Jackson	1919
Keatley, Edwin M. (R)	Kanawha	1921
Byrne, W. E. R. (D)	Kanawha	1923
Keatley, Edwin M. (R)	Kanawha	1925
Johnson, Vernon E. (R)	Morgan	1927
Cummings, J. William (R)	Ohio	1929
Taylor, J. Alfred (D)	Fayette	1931
Hintner, Ralph M. (D)	Pendleton	1933
Pelter, John J. (D)	Logan	1935
Thomas, James Kay (D)	Kanawha	1937-1939
Arnold, Malcolm R. (D)	Boone	1941

¹Two Speakers of the House of Delegates were elected in 1872. After the Constitution was adopted in that year, a special session of the newly elected members of the legislature was held and W. W. Miller was elected Speaker to succeed Albert E. Summers.

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
Amos, John E. (D)	Kanawha	1943-1947
Flannery, W. E. (D)	Logan	1949-1957
² Pauley, Harry R. (D)	McDowell	1959
Singleton, Julius W., Jr. (D)	Monongalia	1961-1963
White, H. Laban (D)	Harrison	1965-1967
³ Boiarsky, Ivor F. (D)	Kanawha	1969-March 12, 1971
³ McManus, Lewis N. (D)	Raleigh	March 13, 1971, 1973-1975
Kopp, Donald L. (D)	Harrison	1977
See, Clyde M., Jr. (D)	Hardy	1979-1983
Albright, Joseph P. (D)	Wood	1985
Chambers, Robert C. (D)	Cabell	1987-1995
Kiss, Robert S. (D)	Raleigh	1997-2005
Thompson, Rick (D)	Wayne	2007-2013
⁴ Miley, Timothy R. (D)	Harrison	June 18, 2013
Armstead, Tim (R)	Kanawha	2015-2017
⁵ Hanshaw, Roger (R)	Clay	Aug. 29, 2018; 2019- Present

²Elected Speaker, June 23, 1958, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Flannery, and reelected Speaker of the 1959 session.

³Boiarsky died March 12, 1971 — McManus elected March 13, 1971.

⁴Elected Speaker, June 18, 2013, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thompson.

⁵Elected Speaker August 29, 2018, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Armstead.

CLERKS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
Hall, Granville D. (R)	Harrison	1863-1865
Hubbard, William P. (R)	Ohio	1866-1870
Burdett, William T. (D)	Kanawha	1871
Peyton, J. Bernard (D)	Kanawha	1872-1887; 1891-1893
Hamilton, John M. (D)	Calhoun	1889
Dawson, Wm. M. O. (R)	Preston	1895
Hood, E. E. (R)	Kanawha	1897
Byrne, William E. R. (D)	Kanawha	1899
Shaw, Harry (R)	Marion	1901-1905
Topping, C. L. (R)	Kanawha	1907-1909; 1919
Neely, M. M. (D)	Marion	1911
Prichard, John Guy (R)	Marion	1913-1915
Hamilton, Robt. L. (D)	Calhoun	1917; 1923
Hodges, M. S. (R)	Pendleton	1921; 1925-1927
Reed, L. V. (R)	Tyler	1929
Kidd, R. H. (D)	Taylor	1931
Hall, John S. (D)	Mingo	1933-1939
¹ Aliff, J. R. (D)	Fayette	1941-1953
¹ Blankenship, C. A. (D)	Wyoming	1954-1981
² Kopp, Donald L. (D)	Harrison	1983-1995
³ Gray, Gregory M. (D)	Kanawha	1996-2013
⁴ Hoover, Bo	Kanawha	Appt. January 8, 2015
Harrison, Stephen J. (R)	Kanawha	2015-2024
Pack, Jeffrey (R)	Raleigh	2025

¹Aliff resigned April 15, 1954. Blankenship appointed by Governor Marland April 15, 1954; the 19th Clerk.

²Blankenship resigned January 1, 1983. Kopp appointed by Speaker See January 1, 1983; the 20th Clerk.

³Kopp resigned December 31, 1995. Gray appointed by Speaker Chambers January 1, 1996; elected January 10, 1996; the 21st Clerk.

⁴Gray resigned December 31, 2014. Hoover appointed by Speaker Miley January 8, 2015; the 22nd Clerk.

SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
Morrison, S. G. W. (R)	Ohio.	1863-1868
Dunnington, J. W. (R)	Ritchie.	1869
Davis, D. L. (R)	Wood.	1870
Horner, John W. (D)	Wood.	1871-1873
Moffit, W. L. (D)	Kanawha.	1875
French, Napoleon B. (D)	Mercer.	1877
Clark, Nathaniel S. (D)	Wood.	1879
Cain, Harrison (D)	Gilmer.	1881
Sargent, George P. (D)	Barbour.	1883
Henshaw, Thornton (D)	Berkeley.	1885
Dorr, Charles P. (D)	Webster.	1887
Gibbs, W. Brown (D)	Roane.	1889-1891
Lynch, C. F. (D)	Lewis.	1893
Morris, M. B. (R)	Gilmer.	1895
Crislip, Cyrus A. (R)	Roane.	1897
Morton, E. H. (D)	Webster.	1899
Ramsey, W. H. (R)	Fayette.	1901
Worden, H. N. (R)	Tucker.	1903-1907
Sutphin, Dr. S. S. (R)	Raleigh.	1909
Wood, E. L. (D)	Kanawha.	1911
Staats, Edgar R. (R)	Roane.	1913
Otto, George W. (R)	Ohio.	1915
Kenna, John E. (D)	Kanawha.	1917
Curtis, W. H. C. (R)	Ohio.	1919-1921
Riffe, W. A. (D)	Raleigh.	1923
¹ Curtis, W. H. C. (R)	Ohio.	1925
¹ Johnston, J. J. (R)	Mineral.	1925
Hutchinson, W. H. (R)	Roane.	1927-1929
Depue, Hal (D)	Kanawha.	1931
Martin, W. W. (D)	Greenbrier.	1933
Depue, Hal (D)	Kanawha.	1935
Holswade, Harry (D)	Roane.	1937-1939
Graner, Lafayette (D)	Ohio.	1941
Lemon, Frank E. (D)	Raleigh.	1943
Drummond, W. H. (D)	Harrison.	1945
Phillips, Hiram (D)	Mingo.	1947
Combs, C. Fred (D)	McDowell.	1949
Brawley, D. Earl (D)	Kanawha.	1951
Mills, Okey A. (D)	Raleigh.	1953
Yoak, Don (D)	Calhoun.	1955
Tutwiler, J. O. (D)	Raleigh.	1957
² Yoak, Don (D)	Roane.	1959-1967
² Smith, Jr., Oce W. (D)	Marion.	1967-2011
McClaskie, George (D)	Kanawha.	2013
³ Clay, Marshall (R)	Fayette.	2015-2017; June 18, 2019; 2021-2023
⁴ Anne Lieberman (R)	Kanawha.	May 21, 2018; 2019
Ed Hart (R)	Kanawha.	2025

¹Curtis died May 26, 1925, and Johnston was elected to fill the vacancy.

²W. Smith, Jr. was elected Sergeant-at-Arms January 31, 1967, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Yoak; the 43rd Sergeant-at-Arms.

³Clay was elected Sergeant-at-Arms June 18, 2019, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lieberman.

⁴Lieberman was elected Sergeant-at-Arms May 21, 2018, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Clay; the 46th Sergeant-at-Arms. Lieberman resigned on March 1, 2019.

DOORKEEPERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
Holliday, William W. (R)	Ohio	1863-1864
Wheat, Joseph H. (R)	Morgan	1865-1866
Bellville, John Q. (R)	Ohio	1867-1870
Washbourne, O. H. (D)	Lewis	1871
Campbell, S. H. (D)	Gilmer	1872-1873
Patton, William M. (D)	Harrison	1875
Campbell, S. H. (D)	Gilmer	1877
Nealis, James P. (D)	Hampshire	1879-1883
Werniger, A. N. (D)	Ohio	1885
Devine, Michael B. (D)	Tyler	1887
Knotts, A. N. (D)	Marion	1889
Teamster, Thomas L. (D)	Greenbrier	1891
Vickers, E. M. (D)	Boone	1893
Edmonds, William (R)	Wood	1895
Allen, Joseph M. (R)	Taylor	1897
Mitchell, Shirley H. (D)	Wirt	1899
Ripley, J. A. (R)	Jackson	1901
Maynard, J. M. (R)	Fayette	1903
Edmonds, William (R)	Wood	1905-1907
Buckley, John M. (R)	Wood	1909
Lemon, James H. (D)	Raleigh	1911
Fletcher, W. N. (R)	Tyler	1913
Davis, A. W. (R)	Harrison	1915
Kidd, J. W. (D)	Braxton	1917
Shriver, J. H. (R)	Ritchie	1919
Morris, Walter M. (R)	Harrison	1921
Combs, T. R. (D)	Cabell	1923
Hutchinson, William (R)	Roane	1925
Morrison, F. A. (R)	Mason	1927
Knabenshue, E. H. (R)	Upshur	1929
¹ Allison, O. O. (D)	Hancock	1931
² Gilbert, A. M. (D)	Berkeley	1933
² Kincaid, James B. (D)	Kanawha	1933
Finley, J. N. (D)	Hancock	1935
Neal, Clark (D)	Nicholas	1937
Crozier, Joe B. (D)	McDowell	1939
Combs, Grover C. (D)	Logan	1941
McCurdy, Azel (D)	Cabell	1943
Slater, Clyde (D)	Cabell	1945
Combs, Grover C. (D)	Logan	1947
Davis, Royal C. (D)	Harrison	1949
Schupbach, Herbert (D)	Wetzel	1951
Wilson, Cecil W. (D)	McDowell	1953
Reinhart, Clyde W. (D)	Fayette	1955
Neal, Jacob (D)	Nicholas	1957

¹Died March 16, 1931. Vacancy not filled.²Gilbert resigned at the beginning of second extraordinary session and Kincaid was elected to fill the vacancy.

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
³ Combs, Grover (D)	Kanawha	1959
White, Benjamin (D).	Kanawha	1960
Brawley, D. Earl (D).	Kanawha	1961-1968
Casey, Mike (D)	Cabell	1969-1971
⁴ Wingo, Dannie (D).	McDowell	1971-1989
Yoak, E. Don (D)	Roane	1991-1995
⁵ Roberts, John A. (D)	Berkeley	1996-2011
Hively, Tom (D)	Kanawha	2013
Larese, Frank (R)	Kanawha	2015-2017
Stewart, Robert (R)	Kanawha	2019

³Combs resigned the beginning of the 1960 session and White was elected to fill vacancy.

⁴Casey resigned February 11, 1971. Wingo elected February 11, 1971.

⁵Yoak resigned February 5, 1996 and Roberts was elected to fill vacancy February 7, 1996; the 52nd Doorkeeper.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES STAFF As of 2026

<i>Clerk:</i> Jeffrey Pack.....	304-340-3200
<i>Deputy Clerk/Operations:</i> Lori Skull	304-340-3911
<i>Enrolling Clerk/Documents:</i> Sam Rowe.....	304-340-3204
<i>Journal Clerk:</i> Jes Parker.....	304-340-3937
<i>Administrative Clerk/Documents:</i> Rebecca Sutton.....	304-340-3208
<i>House Chief of Staff:</i> Jeff Billings	304-340-3104
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<i>Assistant to Speaker:</i> Vicki Pendell	304-340-3210
<i>Deputy Chief of Staff/Communications</i>	
<i>Director:</i> Ann Ali.....	304-340-3323
<i>Legislative Analyst:</i> Tara Carpenter	304-340-3228
<i>Analyst to Majority Whip:</i> Sara Dyer.....	304-340-3244
<i>Policy Analyst:</i> Jennifer McPherson	304-340-3942
<i>Counsel to Education:</i> Melissa White	304-340-3336
<i>Legislative Analyst to Education:</i> Morgan Miller.....	304-340-3915
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<i>Chief Counsel to Energy and</i>	
Robert E. Akers	304-340-3254
Brian Casto.....	304-340-3264
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<i>Public Works:</i> Mari Humphrey	304-340-3101

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Human Resources: Charles Roskovensky304-340-3338

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Human Resources: Martha White.....304-340-3269

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Robert Altman.....304-340-3381

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Sr: Legislative Analyst to Judiciary:

Daniel Osborne304-340-3339

Analyst to Judiciary: Drew Constable304-340-3319

Administrative Assistant to

Judiciary: Anne Landgrebe304-340-3360

Counsel to Judiciary: D.J. Morgan.....304-340-3345

Facilities:

Omar Cunningham-*Manager*.....304-340-3225

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



RANDY E. SMITH
President of the Senate
Lieutenant Governor

RANDY E. SMITH, Republican, Preston County, 14th District. **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2012 - 2014; Elected to the Senate 2016-2024; Elected President to the Senate 2025 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Energy, Industry and Mining, 83rd, 84th, 85th and 86th Legislatures See information on page 282.

OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

CLERK



BRUCE LEE CASSIS, JR.
Kanawha County
Independent

Clerk of the Senate **Born** October 12, in Morgantown, West Virginia **Parents** Bruce and Eva Cassis **Spouse** Molly **Children** Abram, Clara **Education** B.A. Communications (Mass and Public Media); Minor in Political Science, West Virginia University **Affiliations** Member, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; 2025-2026 ASLCS Secretary-Treasurer; Member, Capitol Building Commission; Member, Kanawha Lodge #20, AF & AM; Member, Scottish Rite, Valley of Charleston; Member, Beni Kedem Shrine; Member, ROJ Court No. 111; Vice President Laurence Jones Childhood Language Center; President Charleston Central Little League **Legislative Positions Held** Clerk of the Senate, Elected January 8, 2018; Re-elected 2019, 2021, 2023 and 2025; Assistant Clerk of the Senate, Appointed September 1, 2011 to January 2018; Legislative Analyst/Administrative Assistant to the Clerk, Office of the Senate Clerk, October 2006 to August 2011; Public Information Officer, West Virginia Legislature, Office of Reference and Information, September 2006 to October 2006; West Virginia Legislature, Legislative Auditor's Office Performance Evaluation and Research Division, October 2002 to September 2006 **Religion** Greek Orthodox **Address** State Capitol, Room M-211 Charleston 25305 **Telephone** (304) 357-7800 **Email** senate.clerk@wvsenate.gov

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



H. STEPHEN (STEVE) WALKER
Kanawha County

Retired Law Enforcement with 45 years' service; Retired Kanawha County Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy/Day Report Director; Former Chief of Police, Nitro WV; Former Director of Security Mardi Gra Resort and Casino Nitro WV; Retired Lieutenant, Charleston Police Department, 27 years **Born** June 10th **Spouse** married for 47 years, two children, and three grandchildren **Education** West Virginia State University, Bachelor of Arts and Associate Criminal Justice; Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Academy, Quantico, Virginia **Military** U.S. Coast Guard, Honorable Discharge **Affiliations** National

al Trustee West Virginia State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, Immediate past President (president for eighteen years) West Virginia Chief's of Police Association **Legislative Service** Elected Sergeant-at-Arms 87th Legislature, February 12th, 2025

DOORKEEPER



RALPH COLEMAN
Kanawha County
Independent

Retired maintenance planner. Worked 43 years in the coal industry **Parents** Greene Coleman Jr. (deceased), and Della Coleman **Spouse** Eudora Coleman **Children** Stan Coleman. **Grandchildren** Carter, Bradley, Trentin, and Abigail; and two great grandchildren, Walter and Owen **Education** Attended college and technical career center **Affiliations** Former Deacon and Trustee Calvary Baptist Church in Oak Hill, West Virginia currently attending River Ridge Church in Charleston; National Guard 1970-1976 as Military Police

Legislative Positions Held Elected Doorkeeper, February 27, 2025. **Prior Positions** Assistant Doorkeeper 2017-2024 **Other Civic Affiliations** 5th year, Volunteer (YMCA) Rock Steady Parkinson's boxing class. **Religion** Christian

BIOGRAPHIES OF SENATE MEMBERS

FIRST DISTRICT

[Brooke, Hancock and Ohio Counties and a portion of Marshall County]



LAURA CHAPMAN

**1st District, Ohio County
Republican**

Constitutional Lawyer **Born** Wheeling, West Virginia **Parents** Christopher and Jeannette **Spouse** Matthew **Children** 2 **Education** Middlebury College; West Virginia University College of Law **Affiliations** Woman's Club of Wheeling; Alumni Admissions Program Volunteer, Follansbee Chamber of Commerce; Member Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2022 **Positiona Held** Chair Committee on Health and

Human Resources 86th Legislature **Religion** Catholic **Telephone** (304) 357-7918 **O. Email** Laura.Chapman@wvsenate.gov

**RYAN W. WELD****1st District, Brooke County****Republican****Chair, Military****Attorney** Born in Wheeling, West Virginia**Parents** Roseanna Filberto and the late WilliamWeld **Spouse** Alexandria **Education** B.A.,

Political Science, Fairmont State (2003); J.D.,

Duquesne University (2015) **Legislative Service**

Elected to the House 2014; Elected to the Senate

2016 - 2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held**Majority Whip, 83rd, 84th and 85th Legislatures;Chair, Committee on Military, 83rd, 84th, 85th,and 86th Legislatures; Vice Chair, Committee on the Judiciary, 83rd, 84th, 85th,and 86th Legislatures; Vice Chair, Committee on the Workforce, 83rd and 84thLegislatures **Telephone** (304) 357-7984 **O. Email** Ryan.Weld@wvsenate.gov

SECOND DISTRICT

[Doddridge, Tyler, Wetzel Counties and portions of Marion, Marshall and Monongalia Counties]

**CHARLES H. CLEMENTS****2nd District, Wetzel County****Republican****Vice Chair, Education**

Retired **Born** August 21 in Huntington, West Virginia **Parents** Charles and Margaret Clements **Spouse** Eugenia **Children** Paul S. Clements and Judith Charlene Murphy **Education** A.B., Mathematics, West Virginia University **Affiliations** Rotary; Football Official; SREB Advisory Council Member **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 1994 - 1996; Appointed to the Senate January 28, 2017; Elected to the

Senate 2018 - 2022 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Vice Chair Committee on Education 86th; Chair, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 84th, 85th, and 86th Legislatures; Vice Chair, Committee on Banking and Insurance, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Vice Chair, Committee on Pensions, 85th Legislature **Telephone** (304) 455-5339 **C.** (304) 357-7827 **O. Email** Charles.Clements@wvsenate.gov

**CHRIS ROSE****2nd District, Monongalia County****Republican****Chair, Energy, Industry and Mining**

Education B.S. Mechanical Engineering; A.S. Electrical Engineering **Spouse** Amber **Affiliations** National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America, WVC DL, WV Farm Bureau, West Virginians for Life, Tea Party Patriots, Chairman of the Senate Coal Caucus, Prayer Caucus, Faith and Family Caucus, and Vice Chairman of the Freedom Caucus **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2024 **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 357-7902 **O. Email**

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THIRD DISTRICT

[Pleasants, Ritchie and Wood Counties, and a portion of Wirt County]

**MICHAEL AZINGER**

3rd District, Wood County

Republican

Chair, Banking and Insurance

Manager **Born** April 12 in Parkersburg, West Virginia **Parents** Tom and Janet Azinger **Spouse** Jacqueline **Children** Thomas, Zachary and Sophie **Education** B.S., Masters of Pastoral Theology **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2014; Elected to the Senate 2016 for an unexpired term; Reelected to the Senate 2018 - 2022 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Banking and Insurance, 83rd, 84th,

85th, and 86th Legislatures; Chair, Committee on Pensions, 84th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Interstate Cooperation, 83rd Legislature **Religion** Baptist **Telephone** (304) 357-7970 **C. Email** Mike.Azinger@wvsenate.gov

**TRENTON BARNHART****3rd District, Pleasants County****Republican****Vice Chair, Banking and Insurance**

Banker **Born** November 12 **Parents** Mark and Lori Barnhart Education B.A., University of Charleston; MBA, University of Charleston Affiliations West Virginia Farm Bureau; NRA; West Virginia Citizen's Defense League; Pleasants County Republican Executive Committee; Constitutional Advocates Pleasants County **Legislative Service** Appointed to the House September 17, 2019; Elected to the House

2020-2024; Appointed to the Senate January 27, 2026 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, House Committee on Banking and Insurance, 86th – 87th Legislature; Vice Chair, House Committee on Workforce Development, 85th Legislature **Other Public Service** Member, Pleasants County Republican Executive Committee; Member, Pleasants County Constitutional Advocates **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 684-2392 **H.** (304) 480-9371 **C.** (304) 357-7905 **O. Email** Trenton.Barnhart@wvsenate.gov

FOURTH DISTRICT

[Mason and portions of Cabell, Jackson and Putnam Counties]

**AMY N. GRADY**

4th District, Mason County

Republican

Chair, Education

Teacher **Born** October 15 **Parents** Addie Roberts **Spouse** Jack L. Grady **Children** Rhett, Eastyn, Chesney **Education** B.A. Elementary Education, Marietta College and West Virginia University Parkersburg **Legislative Service** Elected to Senate 2020-2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Education, 85th, 86th, and 87th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Health and Human Resources, 85th Legislature **Religion**

Christian **Telephone** (304) 357-7855 **O. Email** Amy.Grady@wvsenate.gov

**ERIC J. TARR**

4th District, Putnam County

Republican

Small Business Owner **Born** September 10 **Parents** Larry and Brenda Tarr **Spouse** Natalie Tarr **Children** Three **Education** Bachelor of Health Science, MBA, Doctor of Physical Therapy **Affiliations** Member, Putnam County Rotary Club; Board Member, Putnam County Chamber of Commerce; Member, West Virginia Physical Therapy Association **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2018 - 2022 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee

on Finance, 85th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Health and Human Resources, 84th and 85th Legislatures **Other Public Service** Policy Advisor to West Virginia Chairman of Senate Health; Policy Advisor to West Virginia Senate Majority Leader **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 357-7901 **O. Email** Eric.Tarr@wvsenate.gov

FIFTH DISTRICT

[Portions of Cabell and Wayne Counties]

**SCOTT ALLEN FULLER****5th District, Wayne County****Republican****Vice Chair, Enrolled Bills****Vice Chair, Military****Vice Chair, Select Committee on Substance
Use Disorder and Mental Health****Education** Marshall University (BA) University of Charleston (MS) **Occupation** Retired Law enforcement/ Military **Spouse** Kelly Fuller **Children** Brad Fuller, Brendi Nibert, Jamie Adkins, Erin Wellman, Josie Dick Parents: Ralph Fuller, Norma Fuller (both deceased) **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2024; Vice Chair,Committee on the Military 87th; Vice Chair, Committee, Enrolled Bills **Religion** Non-Denominational **Town of Birth** Huntington, WV **Telephone** (304) 357-7937 **Email** Scott.Fuller@wvsenate.gov**MIKE WOELFEL****5th District, Cabell County****Democrat****Minority Leader****Attorney Born** Huntington, West Virginia **Spouse** Julia **Children** Michael and Matthew **Grandchildren** Colin, Mady and Carter **Education** B.A., Marshall University, History; J.D., West Virginia University **Affiliations** St. Joseph Catholic Church **Other Public Service** Assistant Prosecutor (1978-1980); Cabell County Juvenile Court Referee, WV Supreme Court of Appeals (1980-2012); Adjunct Professor, Marshall University (1980-2012); AssistantBoys Basketball Coach, St. Joseph High School (1995-2003) and Huntington High School (2002-2007) (Three AAA State Titles); Irish Legends Hall of Fame (2014) **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2014 - 2022 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Minority Whip, 85th Legislature and Minority Leader 86th Legislature **Religion** Catholic **Telephone** (304) 522-6249 C. **Email** Mike.Woelfel@wvsenate.gov

SIXTH DISTRICT

[McDowell, Mercer, Mingo Counties a portion of Wayne County]

**MARK R. MAYNARD****6th District, Wayne County****Republican****Chair, Transportation and Infrastructure**

Automotive Retail **Born** May 14 in Huntington, West Virginia **Parents** Richard Dale and Jewell Gay Maynard **Children** Morgan Chevelle Maynard **Education** B.B.A., Marshall University, Marketing; B.B.A., Business Management, Marshall University **Affiliations** PNW4WDA; SEMA Legislative Caucus Member; WV Legislative Congressional Prayer Caucus Chairman; EC4WDA; Blue Ribbon Trails

Coalition; NHRA; NSRA; NMCA; WV Off Highway Vehicle Association **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2014 - 2022 **Prior Legislative Position Held** Chair, Committee Outdoor Recreation 86th Legislature; Vice Chair, Select Committee on School Choice 86th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Government Organization, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Chair, Committee on Natural Resources, 83rd, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Chair, Committee on Economic Development, 83rd, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Chair, Committee on Enrolled Bills, 82nd, 83rd, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Co-Chair Rulemaking Review 82nd and 83rd Legislatures **Other Public Service** Chairman, Wayne County Executive Committee; Wayne County Schools Volunteer, assistant softball coach **Religion** Baptist **Telephone** (304) 360-6272 (C) (304) 357-7808 **O. Email** Mark.Maynard@wvsenate.gov

**CRAIG A. HART****6th District, Mingo County****Republican****Chair, Agriculture****Occupation** Agriculture Teacher - FFA Advisor**Religion** Christian **Affiliations:** NRA, FarmBureau, WV CD **Legislative Service** Elected tothe Senate 2024 **Religion** Christian **Telephone**(304) 357-7843 **Email** Craig.Hart@wvsenate.

gov

SEVENTH DISTRICT

[Boone, Lincoln, Logan Counties and a portion of Kanawha County]

**RUPERT W. PHILLIPS JR.****7th District, Logan County****Republican****Occupation** Sales Manager **Born** February 17 inMan, West Virginia **Parents** Rupert W. Phillips Sr.and Jewell Wood **Spouse** Beth Phillips **Children**Sophia Laurny **Education** Man High School**Affiliations** National Rifle Association; Aracoma

Lodge #99 AF&AM; Scottish Rite; Shriner,

ROJ; Loyal Order of the Moose; American

Legion; Friends of Coal **Military Service** UnitedStates Air Force **Legislative Service** Elected to

the House 2010 - 2016; Elected to the Senate

2020-2024 **Prior Legislative Service** Vice Chair, Committee on Finance86th Legislature; Vice Chair, Energy, Industry and Mining and Vice Chair,Committee on the Military 85th Legislature **Religion** Christian **Telephone**(304) 357-7857 **O. Email** Rupie.Phillips@wvsenate.gov



ZACK MAYNARD
7th District, Lincoln County
Republican

Occupation Business **Parents** Ezra (Hewith) Maynard Spouse Brittany Maynard **Education** Business Management Affiliations Member, Guyan Freewill Baptist Church **Legislative Service** Appointed to the Senate October 30, 2025 **Prior Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020 **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 357-7939 **O. Email** Zack.Maynard@wvsenate.gov

EIGHTH DISTRICT

[Clay and Roane Counties and portions of Jackson, Kanawha, Putnam and Wirt Counties]



T. KEVAN BARTLETT
8th District, Kanawha County
Republican
Vice Chair, Judiciary
Vice Chair, Pensions

Occupation Pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church **Spouse** Mrs. Linda Bartlett **Children** Thomas K. Bartlett, Jr., Travis K. Bartlett **Parents** Bill and Faith Bartlett **Religion** Baptist **Legislative Service** Appointed to the Senate January 30, 2025 **Prior Legislative Service** Appointed to the House of Delegates October 2019, 84th **Telephone** (304) 357-7841 **Email** Kevan.

Bartlett@wvsenate.gov

**GLENN JEFFRIES****8th District, Putnam County****Republican****Chair, Economic Development**

Businessman **Born** July 15, 1961 in South Charleston, West Virginia **Parents** the late Keith G. and J. Pauline Jeffries **Spouse** Sherry G. Jeffries **Children** Ashley G. Bailey, Jared W., Austin K., Amanda B. **Grandchildren** Jaxon G. Jeffries, Eli W. Bailey and Emma F. Bailey **Education** Poca High School; West Virginia State University **Affiliations** Member, Putnam County Economic Development Authority

(Operations Committee); Member, Putnam County Chamber of Commerce; Former member, Poca Valley Bank Advisory Board; Management, Trustee on the Carpenters Pension and Health Funds of West Virginia; Painters Health Fund and Apprenticeship and Training Funds of West Virginia **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2016 - 2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Economic Development 86th and 87th Legislatures **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 357-7866 **O. Email** Glenn.Jeffries@wvsenate.gov

NINTH DISTRICT

[Raleigh Wyoming Counties and a portion of Fayette County]

**ROLLAN A. ROBERTS**

9th District, Raleigh County

Republican

Chair, Workforce

Vice Chair, Finance

Pastor/Administrator/Educator **Born** Redding, California **Spouse** Debbie Roberts **Children** Rollan II, Rhonda, and Ryan **Grandchildren** 7 **Education** B.A. Hon. D. Div., Pensacola Christian College **Affiliations** Member, Sons of the American Legion; Former Board of Directors Member, American Association of Christian Schools; Former Board of Reference

Member, Pensacola Christian College; Former Board of Directors Member, West Virginia Christian Education Association; Administrator, Victory Baptist Academy (K-12); Senior Pastor, Victory Baptist Church since 1988 **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2018 - 2022 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Workforce, 85th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Enrolled Bills, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Vice-Chair, Committee on Education **Religion** Independent Baptist **Telephone** (304) 357-7831 **O. Email** Rollan.Roberts@wvsenate.gov

**BRIAN HELTON****9th District, Fayette County****Republican****Chair, Select Committee on Substance Use
Disorder and Mental Health****Vice Chair, Interstate Cooperation**

Date of Birth July 27 **Education** Business
Administration B.S. **Occupation** Business Owner
Spouse Emily **Religion** Baptist **Town of Birth**
Beckley, WV **Legislative Service** Elected to the
Senate 2024 **Telephone** (304) 357-7807 **Email**
Brian.Helton@wvsenate.gov

TENTH DISTRICT

[Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Summers Counties and a portion of Fayette
County]

**VINCE DEEDS****10th District, Greenbrier County****Republican****Vice Chair, Health and Human Resources****Vice Chair. Natural Resources**

Prosecuting Attorney's Office Lewisburg, WV;
Director of School Safety for Greenbrier County
Schools; Pastor – Sinks Grove Baptist Church
Born in Beckley, West Virginia **Parents** Janice
Deeds and the late Gary Deeds **Spouse** Michelle
(Workman) Deeds **Children** Justin Deeds;
Tristan Deeds **Education** Hinton High School
(1988) – Virginia Tech (1992) BS in Psychology

and Political Science – University of Virginia Masters/Psychology – FBI –
Quantico (2008) **Affiliations** Masonic Lodge #42 (Lewisburg); Shriners
International **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2022 **Prior Legislative
Positions Held** Vice Chair Agriculture and Natural Resources and Vice Chair
Committee on the Military 86th Legislature **Telephone** (304) 357-7959 **O.
Email** Vince.Deeds@wvsenate.gov

**JACK DAVID WOODRUM****10th District, Summers County****Republican****Chair, Enrolled Bills****Vice Chair, Government Organization****Vice Chair, Workforce**

Funeral Director, Embalmer, and Restorative Artist **Born** August 4 in Hinton, West Virginia **Parents** The late Dr. Jack D. & Joan (Briers) Woodrum M.D. **Spouse** Debra A. “Debbie” (Brookman) Woodrum **Children** three children, three grandchildren **Education** Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science; National Board Certified in Mortuary Arts and Sciences; Tyree School of Real Estate; NACo High Performance Leadership Academy; County Leadership Institute, NACo and Cambridge Leadership Associates; The Mountain State Land Use Academy, West Virginia University; Community Leadership Academy, West Virginia University; Beckley College **Affiliations** National Funeral Directors Association; West Virginia Funeral Directors Association; Life Member, National Rifle Association; Lions International **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2020 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Interstate Cooperation, 85th Legislature; Vice Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, 85th Legislature **Other Public Service** Ten-year Member, Summers County Commission; Board of Directors, The National Association of Counties (NACo), County Commissioners Association of WV, WV Association of Counties, New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, Veterans Memorial Museum of Southern WV and Main Street Care; Workforce West Virginia; WV Prosecuting Attorneys Institute; WV Records Management and Preservation Board; New River Gateway Convention and Visitors Bureau; Summers County Board of Health; New River Parkway Authority; Summers County Building Commission; Summers County Schools Steering Committee; Community Action of South Eastern WV (CASF); Hinton Lions Club; Summers County ARH Hospital, Advisory Committee; Summers County Republican Executive Committee; WV State Republican Executive Committee-Chairman of the Rules and Bylaws 2020 and 2024 Delegate to Republican National Convention; Member of the 2024 RNC Platform Committee and Subcommittee Chairman, 10th Senatorial District Republican Executive Committee; 3rd Congressional District Republican Executive Committee; Summers County Champion for “Reaching the Summit Community Service Initiative” working with the Citizens Conservation Corps of WV and the Boy Scouts of America **In recent years** Senator Woodrum has been involved in international economic engagement efforts, working to develop strategic partnerships focused on resource development, manufacturing, and supply chain security. His efforts are aimed at connecting global opportunities with domestic industrial capacity, particularly in regions like Appalachia that are positioned for resurgence **Religion** Christian (Baptist) 25951 **Telephone** (304) 357-7849 **O. Email** Jack.Woodrum@wvsenate.gov

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

[Barbour, Braxton, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Upshur and Webster Counties]



W. D. "BILL" HAMILTON
11th District, Upshur County
Republican
Chair, Natural Resources

Retired Independent Insurance Agency Owner

Born July 14 in Buckhannon, West Virginia

Parents the late Winferd W. Hamilton and Mary J. Hamilton **Spouse** Carolyn Sue Winemiller

Children D. Shawn (deceased) and Jeremy W. Hamilton; James R. Powell, II and eight

grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren **Education**

Buckhannon-Upshur High School; Potomac State College; Ohio State Fire Academy;

Investment Institute of Atlanta **Affiliations** Member, Franklin Lodge #7 AF&AM; Tennerton Lions Club; Potomac Highlands Shrine Club; Upshur County Shrine Club; Osiris Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Wheeling, WV; National Wild Turkey Federation; Lifetime Member, National Rifle Association; Buckhannon Moose Lodge #598; named "2001 Agent of the Year" by Independent Insurance Agents of West Virginia; 2005 Citizen of the Year, Southern-Upshur Business Association; Upshur County Farm Bureau; Mountaineer Chapter-Izack Walton League; Lifetime Member, Upshur County Association of Retired School Employees; elected to WV Hunter Education Hall of Fame **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2002 - 2016; Elected to the Senate 2018 - 2022 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Natural Resources, 84th, 85th, and 86th Legislatures; Vice Chair, Committee on Pensions, 84th Legislature Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources 86th Legislature; Chair Committee on Natural Resources 87th Legislature **Public Service** West Virginia DNR Hunter Safety Instructor, 33 years **Religion** Roman Catholic **Telephone** (304) 357-7906 **O. Email** Bill.Hamilton@wvsenate.gov

**ROBBIE MORRIS****11th District, Randolph County****Republican****Chair, Government Organization****Vice Chair, Economic Development**

Education WV Wesleyan College BA - 2005, MBA - 2007 **Occupation** Economic Development Director **Spouse** Whitney Children: Elin & Tinley **Parents** Bob & Carol Morris **Religion** Christian **Affiliations** Corridor H Highway Authority, WV Broadband Enhancement Council, WV Hardwood Alliance Zone, WV Economic Development Council, Southern Economic Development Council, Leadership WV

Legislative Service Elected to the Senate 2024 **Prior Legislative Positions** Vice Chair Banking and Insurance **Telephone** (304) 357-7973 **Email** Robbie.Morris@wvsenate.gov

TWELFTH DISTRICT

[Calhoun, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis Counties and a portion of Taylor County]

**PATRICK S. MARTIN****12th District, Lewis County****Republican****Majority Leader****Vice Chair, Rules**

Business Owner **Born** May 1 **Parents** Carl J. Martin and Roberta J. Lynch **Education** Graduate of Buckhannon-Upshur High School **Affiliations** Lewis County Chamber of Commerce; SUBA; National Rifle Association; NAGR; Upshur County Farm Bureau; Lewis County Republican Club; Lewis County First Almost Heaven BBQ Bash **Legislative Service** Elected to the House

2016-2018; Elected to the Senate 2020-2024 **Prior Legislative Positions** Held Vice Chair, Committee on Economic Development, 85th Legislature **Religion** Christian – Member of the Way of Holiness **Telephone** (304) 357-7845 **O. Email** Patrick.Martin@wvsenate.gov

**BEN QUEEN****12th District, Lewis County****Republican****Majority Whip****Vice Chair, Energy, Industry and Mining**

Professional Photographer and Media Entrepreneur; Owner of Ben Queen Photography **Born** February 7, in Clarksburg, West Virginia **Parents** Michael Queen and Paula Thompson Carter **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2016 – 2020; Elected to the Senate 2022 **Religion** Southern Baptist - Simpson Creek Baptist Church **Telephone** (304) 357-7904 **Email** Ben.Queen@wvsenate.gov

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

[Portions of Marion and Monongalia Counties]

**JOEY GARCIA****13th District, Marion County****Democrat****Assistant Minority Leader**

Date of Birth January 30 **Education** J.D., West Virginia University College of Law, 2009; B.A. History, West Virginia University, 2005; Fairmont Senior High School, 2001 **Occupation** Attorney **Spouse** Heather Hoelscher **Parents** David and Kelly Garcia **Religion** United Methodist **Town of Birth** Marietta, OH **Affiliations** Marion County Chamber of Commerce; Fairmont Marion County Regional Airport Authority; West Virginia Association for Justice; Fairmont Lions Club **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2020-2022; Elected to the Senate 2024 **Telephone** (304) 357-7961 **Email** Joey.Garcia@wvsenate.gov



MICHAEL OLIVERIO II
13th District, Monongalia County
Republican
Chair, Pensions
Chair, Interstate Cooperation

Life Insurance Agent **Born** August 6 in Fairmont, West Virginia, son of Michael and Julia Oliverio **Education** West Virginia University, MBA, BSBA **Wife** Melissa Kirk Oliverio **Affiliations** Member, Knights of Columbus; Morgantown area and Marion County Chambers of Commerce; National Life Underwriters Association; American Heart Association **Legislative Service**

Elected to the House, 1992; Elected to the Senate, 1994-2006; 2022 Vice Chair Committee on Banking and Insurance 86th **Legislative Positions Held** Chairman, Freshman Caucus, 1993-1994; Chairman, Committee on Small Business, 73rd, 74th and 75th Legislatures; Vice Chairman, Committee on Economic Development, 76th Legislature; Chairman, Committee on Labor; Vice Chair, Committee on Economic Development, Vice Chair, Committee on the Judiciary, 77th and 78th Legislatures **Other Public Service** Chairman, Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Corrections; Board Member, Family Protection Services; West Virginia University Student Body President, 1985-86; Member, Small Business Advisory Council; Domestic Violence Advisory Team; Coal Research Advisory Team; Energy Committee, Southern Legislative Council; Reserve Officers Association; State Chair, American Legislative Exchange Council **Military Service** U.S. Army, Captain **Religion** Catholic **Telephone** (304) 357-7919 **O.Email** Mike.Oliverio@wvsenate.gov

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

[Grant, Hardy, Mineral, Preston, Tucker Counties and a portion of Taylor County]

**RANDY E. SMITH****14th District, Preston County****Republican****President of the Senate****Chair, Rules****Coal Miner** **Born** March 3 in Oakland, Maryland**Parents** George and Iola Clem **Spouse** Patty Smith **Children** Amy J. and husband Tim Wotring; R. Scott Smith and wife Beth**Education** East Preston High School **Affiliations** Member, National Rifle Association; Brookside Church of the Brethren; FFA Alumni Assoc., CTE Advisory Board **Legislative Service** Elected to the House

2012 - 2014; Elected to the Senate 2016 - 2024 **Prior Legislative Positions** **Held** Chair, Committee on Energy, Industry and Mining, 83rd, 84th, 85th and 86th Legislatures **Other Public Service** Former President of TAYL/Board; Board Member, Brookside Ministerial Board **Religion** Protestant **Telephone** (304) 357-7995 **O. Email** Randy.Smith@wvsenate.gov

**JAY TAYLOR****14th District, Preston County****Republican****President Pro Tempore****Vice Chair, Select Committee on School****Choice****Vice Chair, Transportation and Infrastructure**

Supervisor **Born** January 29 **Parents** John and Lee Taylor **Spouse** Kristi Taylor **Children** Reagan and Jack **Education** WVU Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering; WVU Master of Business Administration (MBA) **Affiliations** Member, National Rifle Association; West Virginia Citizens Defense League; West Virginia

Farm Bureau; West Virginians for Life; Grafton Lodge #15; SSAC Coach **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2022 **Prior Legislative Positions** Majority Whip 1st Regular Session, 87th; Vice Chair, Outdoor Recreation 86th, Vice Chair Transportation & Infrastructure 86th **Religion** Baptist **Address** Tucker County **Telephone** (304) 357-7914 **O Email** Jay.Taylor@wvsenate.gov

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT

[Hampshire, Morgan Counties and a portion of Berkeley County]

**DARREN THORNE****15th District, Hampshire County****Republican****Vice Chair, Agriculture**

Occupation Farmer **Legislative Service** Appointed to the Senate, December 20, 2024. **Prior Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2022 **Telephone** (304) 357-7980. **Email** Darren.Thorne@wvsenate.gov

**TOM WILLIS****15th District, Berkeley County****Republican****Chair, Judiciary**

Education University of Virginia; Georgetown Law Occupation: West Virginia Business Owner/National Guardsman **Spouse** Sara Willis **Children** Three **Religion** Christian **Affiliations** Special Forces Association; National Guard Association; West Virginia Republican Club; Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire Republicans Club; West Virginia National Guard Association; and, Eagle Scout Association **Legislative Service**

Elected to the Senate 2024 **Telephone** (304)357-7867 **O. Email** Tom.Willis@wvsenate.gov

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

[Jefferson and a portion of Berkeley County]

**JASON BARRETT****16th District, Berkeley County****Republican****Chair, Finance**

Restaurant Owner **Born** July 16 **Parents** Marty Barrett, Kristi Woodward **Spouse** Summer **Education** Martinsburg High School; Shepherd University **Legislative Service** Elected to the House 2012; 2016 - 2020; Elected to the Senate 2022 **Other Public Service** Board Member, Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center; Board Member, Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport Authority **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304)

357-7933 **O. Email** Jason.Barrett@wvsenate.gov

**PATRICIA RUCKER****16th District, Jefferson County****Republican****Chair, Select Committee on School Choice****Former Teacher/Home Schooling Mother** **Born**April 27 in Caracas, Venezuela **Parents** Joseand Haydee Puertas **Spouse** James M. Rucker Jr.**Children** Catherine, Ambrose, Gregory, Xavier,Teresa **Education** Montgomery County, MD

public schools; Magruder High School; B.A.

- History, Trinity College (Washington, D.C.)

Affiliations Member, Farm Bureau; Eastern

Panhandle Business Association; Gateway

Republican Women; 4-H; WV4Life-Jefferson County chapter; Iron Lady Award from the American Legislative Exchange Council; Champion of Free Enterprise awardee from the WV Chamber of Commerce; Executive Committee, Women in Government; Executive Committee, American Legislative Exchange Council; co-founder and former president of We the People of West Virginia-Jefferson County **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate 2016 - 2024 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Chair, Committee on Education, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Vice Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, 83rd Legislature Chair, Committee on School Choice 86th Legislature; Chair, Committee Government Organization 1st 87th Legislature **Religion** Catholic **Telephone** (304) 357-7957 **O. Email** Patricia.Rucker@wvsenate.gov

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

[A Portion of Kanawha County]

**ANNE B. CHARNOCK****17th District, Kanawha County****Republican****Chair, Confirmations**

Education George Washington High School, West Virginia University BA and JD **Occupation** Lawyer **Parents** Pat and John Charnock **Religion** United Methodist **Town of Birth:** Charleston, WV **Affiliations** Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; Elizabeth Memorial United Methodist Church **Legislative Service** Appointed to the Senate February 3, 2025 **Telephone** (304) 357-7854 **O. Email.** Anne.Charnock@wvsenate.gov

**TOM TAKUBO****17th District, Kanawha County****Republican**

Physician **Born** December 14 in Columbus, Ohio **Parents** Tom Takubo, father; Sandy Colegrove, mother and Freddie Colgrove, stepfather **Spouse** Tori Takubo **Children** Maggie, Trevor and Molly **Education** Chapmanville High School; B.S. Marshall University, Science; West Virginia Osteopathic School, D.O.; West Virginia University, Internal Medicine 2003; East Tennessee State, Pulmonary Critical Care 2007 **Legislative Service** Elected to the Senate

2014 - 2022 **Prior Legislative Positions Held** Majority Leader, 84th and 85th Legislatures; Vice Chair, Committee on Confirmations, 84th 85th and 86th Legislatures; Chair, Committee on Health and Human Resources, 83rd Legislature; Chair, Committee on Economic Development, 82nd Legislature **Religion** Christian **Telephone** (304) 357-7990 **O. Email** Tom.Takubo@wvsenate.gov

SENATE APPORTIONMENT, 2021

(Based on 2020 Census)

District	Counties	Number of Senators	Population 2020
1st	Brooke, Hancock, Ohio and a part of Marshall	2	102,975
2nd	Doddridge, Tyler, Wetzel and parts of Marion, Marshall and Monongalia	2	104,256
3rd	Pleasants, Ritchie and parts of Wirt and Wood	2	105,587
4th	Mason and parts of Cabell, Jackson and Putnam	2	104,885
5th	Parts of Cabell and Wayne	2	106,335
6th	McDowell, Mercer, Mingo and a part of Wayne	2	110,696
7th	Boone, Lincoln, Logan, and a part of Kanawha	2	100,341
8th	Clay and Roane and parts of Jackson, Kanawha, Putnam and Wirt	2	101,467
9th	Raleigh, Wyoming and a part of Fayette	2	110,670
10th	Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Summers and a part of Fayette	2	107,707
11th	Barbour, Braxton, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Upshur and Webster	2	102,050
12th	Calhoun, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis and a part of Taylor	2	104,886
13th	Parts of Marion and Monongalia	2	110,029
14th	Grant, Hardy, Mineral, Preston, Tucker and a part of Taylor	2	101,601
15th	Hampshire, Morgan and a part of Berkeley	2	109,687
16th	Jefferson and a part of Berkeley	2	110,246
17th	Part of Kanawha	2	100,298

POPULATION OF SENATORIAL DISTRICTS, 2021

First Senatorial District

Counties	Population
Brooke.....	22,559
Hancock	29,095
Marshall	8,896
Ohio	42,425
Total	102,975

Second Senatorial District

Counties	Population
Doddridge	7,808
Marion	19,285
Marshall	21,695
Monongalia	32,713
Tyler	8,313
Wetzel	14,442
Total	104,256

Third Senatorial District

Counties	Population
Pleasants	7,653
Ritchie	8,444
Wirt	5,194
Wood	84,296
Total	105,587

Fourth Senatorial District

Counties	Population
Cabell	18,644
Jackson	19,552
Mason	25,453
Putnam	41,236
Total	104,885

Fifth Senatorial District

Counties	Population
Cabell	75,706
Wayne	30,629
Total	106,335

Sixth Senatorial District

Counties	Population
McDowell	19,111
Mercer	59,664
Mingo	23,568
Wayne	8,353
Total	110,696

Seventh Senatorial District

Counties	Population
Boone	21,809
Kanawha	25,502
Lincoln	20,463
Logan	32,567
Total	100,341

Eighth Senatorial District

Counties	Population
Clay	8,051
Jackson	8,239
Kanawha	54,945
Putnam	16,204
Roane	14,028
Wirt	0
Total	101,467

Ninth Senatorial District

Counties	Population
Fayette	14,697
Raleigh	74,591
Wyoming	21,382
Total	110,670

Tenth Senatorial District

Counties	Population
Fayette	25,791
Greenbrier	32,977
Monroe	12,376
Nicholas	24,604
Summers	11,959
Total	107,707

POPULATION OF SENATORIAL DISTRICTS (Cont'd)**Eleventh Senatorial
District**

Counties	Population
Barbour	15,465
Braxton	12,447
Pendleton	6,143
Pocahontas	7,869
Randolph	27,932
Upshur	23,816
Webster	8,378
Total	102,050

**Twelfth Senatorial
District**

Counties	Population
Calhoun	6,229
Gilmer	7,408
Harrison	65,921
Lewis	17,033
Taylor	8,295
Total	104,886

**Thirteenth Senatorial
District**

Counties	Population
Marion	36,920
Monongalia	73,109
Total	110,029

**Fourteenth Senatorial
District**

Counties	Population
Grant	10,976
Hardy	14,299
Mineral	26,938
Preston	34,216
Taylor	8,410
Tucker	6,762
Total	101,601

**Fifteenth Senatorial
District**

Counties	Population
Berkeley	69,531
Hampshire	23,093
Morgan	17,063
Total	109,687

**Sixteenth Senatorial
District**

Counties	Population
Berkeley	52,545
Jefferson	57,701
Total	110,246

**Seventeenth Senatorial
District**

Counties	Population
Kanawha	100,298
Total	100,298

NAME	YEARS ELECTED	YEARS OF SERVICE
Boley ¹	Appt May 14, 1985; 1986-2024	41 Consecutive Years
Hamilton	2002 - 2016 (House); 2018 - 2022	25 Consecutive Years
Oliverio	1992 (House); 1994 - 2006; 2022	20 Years
Smith	2012 - 2014 (House); 2016 - 2024	16 Consecutive Years
Clements	1994 - 1996 (House); Appt. Jan 28, 2017; 2018 - 2022	14 Years
Phillips	2010 - 2016 (House); 2020 - 2024	15 Years
Takubo, Woelfel, M. Maynard	2014 - 2022	13 Consecutive Years
Azinger	2014 (House); 2016 - 2022	13 Consecutive Years
Weld	2014 (House); 2016 - 2022	13 Consecutive Years
Barrett	2012; 2016 - 2020 (House); 2022	13 Years
Queen	2016 - 2020 (House); 2022 - 2022	11 Consecutive Years
Jeffries, Rucker	2016 - 2024	11 Consecutive Years
Martin	2016 - 2018 (House); 2020 - 2022	11 Consecutive Years
Roberts, Tarr	2018 - 2026	9 Consecutive Years
Grady, Woodrum	2020 - 2024	7 Consecutive Years
Chapman, Deeds, Taylor	2022	5 Consecutive Years

NAME	YEARS ELECTED	YEARS OF SERVICE
Garcia	2020 - 2024 (House) 2024	7 Consecutive Years
Charnock	Appt Feb 3, 2025	2 Years 6 Months
Fuller, Hart, Helton, Morris, Rose, Willis	2024	3 Years
Bartlett	Appt Oct 29, 2019 (House) Appt Jan 30, 2025 (Senate)	3 Years
Thorne	2022 - 2024 (House) Appt Dec 20, 2024 (Senate) 2025	5 Consecutive Years
Barnhart ²	Appt Sept 17, 2019; 2020 - 2024 (House) Appt. Jan 28, 2026 (Senate)	7 Consecutive Years
Z. Maynard	Appt Oct 31, 2025	1 Year

¹ Senator Donna Boley served the 1st half of the 87th Regular Session before her retirement on January 8, 2026.

² Senator Trenton Barnhart was appointed January 28, 2026, with 7 years of consecutive service to the unexpired term.

SENATE CHAMBER SEATING CHART

WEST VIRGINIA SENATE

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☐ Doorkeeper

☐ Sergeant at Arms

Smith Sr. - 14th Presian 25	Barnhart Jr. - 3rd Presian 26	Deeds Jr. - 6th Greenbrier 27	Weld Sr. - 1st Brooke 28	Hamilton Sr. - 11th Wayne 29	Clements Sr. - 2nd Wayne 30	Takubo Sr. - 17th Wayne 31	Johnson Sr. - 8th Putnam 32	Magnat, Z. Jr. - 7th Putnam 33	Tor Sr. - 4th Putnam 34
Chapman Jr. - 1st Ohio 17	Hart Jr. - 6th Logan 18	Roberts Sr. - 11th Randolph 19	Thorne Sr. - 15th Hampshire 20	Taylor Jr. - 14th Taylor 21	Magnat, M. Sr. - 11th Wayne 22	Rose Jr. - 2nd Hampshire 23	Holton Jr. - 9th Fayette 24	Rucker Sr. - 16th Jefferson 25	Morris Jr. - 11th Randolph 26
Chamock Jr. - 1st Kanawha 9	Phillips Sr. - 7th Logan 10	Fuller Jr. - 5th Wayne 11	Adinger Jr. - 11th Wood 12	Quisenberry Jr. - 11th Harrison 13	Burgett Jr. - 8th Wayne 14	Gandy Jr. - 16th Berkley 15	Willis Jr. - 15th Berkley 16	Willis Jr. - 15th Berkley 17	Willis Jr. - 15th Berkley 18
Woodrum Sr. - 10th Berkley 1	Olivero Sr. - 10th Monongalia 2	Garcia Jr. - 13th Marion 3	Woffel Sr. - 5th Cecil 4	Martin Sr. - 12th Lewis 5	Barnett Jr. - 16th Berkley 6	Gandy Jr. - 16th Berkley 7	Willis Jr. - 15th Berkley 8	Willis Jr. - 15th Berkley 9	Willis Jr. - 15th Berkley 10

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Randy E. Smith

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Randy E. Smith, President

Azinger, Michael T. (R)	12	Oliverio, Michael A. II (R)	2
Barrett, Jason (R)	6	Phillips, Rupie (R)	10
Bartlett, T. Kevan (R)	14	Queen, Ben (R)	13
Barnhart, Trenton (R)	26		
Chapman, Laura Wakim (R)	17	Roberts, Rollan A. (R)	19
Charnock, Anne B. (R)	9	Rose, Chris (R)	23
Clements, Charles H. (R)	30	Rucker, Patricia Puertas (R)	24
Deeds, Vince (R)	27	Smith, Randy E. (R)	25
Fuller, Scott Allen (R)	11	Takubo, Tom (R)	31
		Tarr, Eric J. (R)	34
Garcia, Joey (D)	3	Taylor, Jay (R)	21
Grady, Amy N. (R)	7	Thorne, Darren (R)	20
Hamilton, Bill (R)	29	Weld, Ryan W. (R)	28
Hart, Craig A. (R)	18	Willis, Tom (R)	8
Helton, Brian (R)	15	Woelfel, Michael A. (D)	4
		Woodrum, Jack (R)	1
Jeffries, Glenn D. (R)	32		
Martin, Patrick S. (R)	5		
Maynard, Mark R. (R)	22		
Maynard, Zack (R)	33		
Morris, Robbie (R)	16		

Standing Committees of the Senate

87th Legislature

(As of April 21, 2026)

Senate President – Randy E. Smith
President Pro Tempore – Jay Taylor
Majority Leader – Patrick S. Martin
Majority Whip – Ben Queen
Minority Leader – Mike Woelfel
Assistent Minority Leader – Joey Garcia

AGRICULTURE

Senators Hart (*Chair*), Thorne (*Vice Chair*), Deeds, Hamilton, Queen, Rose, Rucker, Tarr and Woelfel.

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Senators Azinger (*Chair*), Barnhart (*Vice Chair*), Barrett, Chapman, Charnock, Fuller, Morris, Oliverio, and Garcia.

CONFIRMATIONS

Senators Charnock (*Chair*), Azinger, Barnhart, Barrett, Rose, Taylor, Weld, and Woelfel.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Senators Jeffries (*Chair*), Morris (*Vice Chair*), Barnhart, Barrett, Charnock, Clements, Hamilton, Z. Maynard, Oliverio, Phillips, Thorne, Weld, Woodrum, and Woelfel.

EDUCATION

Senators Grady (*Chair*), Clements (*Vice Chair*), Azinger, Barnhart, Bartlett, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Oliverio, Roberts, Tarr, Taylor, and Garcia.

ENERGY, INDUSTRY, AND MINING

Senators Rose (*Chair*), Queen (*Vice Chair*), Azinger, Barnhart, Charnock, Fuller, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Z. Maynard, Phillips, Taylor, and Garcia.

ENROLLED BILLS

Senators Woodrum (*Chair*), Fuller (*Vice Chair*), Jeffries, M. Maynard, Roberts, and Woelfel.

FINANCE

Senators Barrett (*Chair*), Roberts (*Vice Chair*), Barnhart, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Jeffries, Martin, M. Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Takubo, Thorne, Woodrum, and Woelfel.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Senators Morris (*Chair*), Woodrum (*Vice Chair*), Barrett, Charnock, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, M. Maynard, Z. Maynard, Phillips, Rose, Rucker, Thorne, Weld, and Woelfel.

HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Senators Helton (*Chair*), Deeds (*Vice Chair*), Azinger, Bartlett, Fuller, Grady, Martin, M. Maynard, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Takubo, Taylor, Willis, and Garcia.

INTERSTATE COOPERATION

Senators Oliverio (*Chair*), Helton (*Vice Chair*), Bartlett, Queen, Taylor, Willis, and Garcia.

JUDICIARY

Senators Willis (*Chair*), Bartlett (*Vice Chair*), Azinger, Chapman, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Helton, Martin, Z. Maynard, Rose, Rucker, Tarr, Taylor, Weld, and Garcia.

MILITARY

Senators Weld (*Chair*), Fuller (*Vice Chair*), Bartlett, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Tarr, Taylor, Willis, and Woelfel.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Senators Hamilton (*Chair*), Deeds (*Vice Chair*), Hart, Jeffries, Morris, Queen, Rose, Tarr, Woodrum, and Garcia.

PENSIONS

Senators Oliverio (*Chair*), Bartlett (*Vice Chair*), Barrett, Clements, Hamilton, Takubo, Tarr, Thorne, Willis and Woelfel.

RULES

Senators Smith (*Chair*), Martin (*Vice Chair*), Barrett, Chapman, Grady, M. Maynard, Rucker, Taylor, and Woelfel.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Senators M. Maynard (*Chair*), Taylor (*Vice Chair*), Clements, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Z. Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Rucker, and Garcia.

WORKFORCE

Senators Roberts (*Chair*), Woodrum (*Vice Chair*), Deeds, Fuller, Hamilton, Queen, Rose, Tarr, Thorne, Weld, and Woelfel.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CHOICE

Senators Rucker (*Chair*), Taylor (*Vice Chair*), Azinger, Clements, M. Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Thorne, and Woelfel.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND
MENTAL HEALTH**

Senators Helton (*Chair*), Fuller (*Vice Chair*), Deeds, Takubo, Tarr, Weld, and Woelfel.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE SENATE 1863-2026

PRESIDENTS OF THE SENATE

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
Phelps, John M. (R)	Mason	1863
Stevenson, William E. (R)	Wood	1864-1868
Farnsworth, D. D. T. (R)	Upshur	1869-1870
Baker, Lewis (D)	Ohio	1871
¹ Sperry, Carlos A. (D)	Greenbrier	1872
¹ Johnson, Daniel D. (D)	Tyler	1872-1875
Arnett, Ulysses N. (D)	Marion	1877
Johnson, Daniel D. (D)	Tyler	1878
Summers, Albert E. (D)	Kanawha	1881
Farnsworth, Thomas, J. (D)	Upshur	1883
Price, George E. (D)	Mineral	1885-1887
Carr, Robert S. (D)	Kanawha	1889
McCreery, John W. (D)	Raleigh	1891
Wiley, Rankin, Jr. (D)	Mason	1893
Worley, William G. (R)	Preston	1895
Whitaker, Nelson E. (R)	Ohio	1897
Marshall, Oliver S. (R)	Hancock	1899
Smith, Anthony (R)	Tyler	1901
May, Clarke W. (R)	Lincoln	1903
Northcott, Gustavus A. (R)	Cabell	1905
McDermott, Joseph H. (R)	Monongalia	1907
Foreman, L. J. (R)	Grant	1909
² Kidd, R.F.	Gilmer	1911
² Hatfield, Dr. H. D. (R)	McDowell	1911
Woods, Samuel V. (D)	Barbour	1913
England, E. T. (R)	Logan	1915
Goodykoontz, Wells (R)	Mingo	1917
Sinsel, Dr. Charles A. (R)	Taylor	1919
Arnold, Gohen C. (R)	Upshur	1921
Shaffer, Harry G. (R)	Boone	1923
³ Coffman, Charles G. (R)	Harrison	1925
³ White, M. Z. (R)	Mingo	1925-1931
Mathews, A. G. (D)	Calhoun	1933
Hodges, Charles E. (D)	Monongalia	1935-1937

¹Two Presidents of the Senate were elected in 1872. After the new Constitution was adopted in that year a special session of the newly elected members of the Legislature was held and Johnson was elected President to succeed Sperry.

²Two Presidents of the Senate were elected in 1911. Kidd, elected first, resigned as part of an agreement between Republican and Democrat members. Subsequently and as part of the same agreement, Hatfield was elected as the second President of the Senate.

³Coffman was elected President at the beginning of the 1925 session, but was unable to serve on account of illness, and on April 15, 1925, White was elected as his successor.

Note: Senate officers lists are being reviewed for updates.

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
LaFon, William M. (D)	Monroe	1939
Randolph, Byron B. (D)	Harrison	1941
Paull, James (D)	Brooke	1943
Vickers, Arnold M. (D)	Fayette	1945-1947
Johnston, W. Broughton (D)	Mercer	1949-1951
Bean, Ralph J. (D)	Hardy	1953-1959
Carson, Howard W. (D)	Fayette	1961-1968
Jackson, Lloyd G. (D)	Lincoln	1969
McCourt, E. Hansford (D)	Webster	1971
Brotherton W. T., Jr. (D)	Kanawha	1973-1979
McGraw, Warren R. (D)	Wyoming	1981-1983
Tonkovich, Dan (D)	Marshall	1985-1987
¹ Tucker, Larry A. (D)	Nicholas	1989
² Burdette, Keith (D)	Wood	1989-1993
Tomblin, Earl Ray (D)	Logan	1995-2011
Kessler, Jeffrey V. (D)	Marshall	2011-2013
Cole III, William P. (R)	Mercer	2015
Carmichael, Mitch B. (R)	Jackson	2017-2019
Blair, Craig P. (R)	Berkeley	2021-2023
Randy E. Smith (R)	Tucker	2024

¹Tucker resigned September 6, 1989.

²Burdette elected September 12, 1989.

CLERKS OF THE SENATE

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
Hall, Ellery R. (R)	Marion	1863-1868
Moore, Edward W. S. (R)	Marion	1869-1871
Miller, Joseph S. (D)	Cabell	1872-1875
Cunningham, E. A. (D)	Pendleton	1877-1879
Johnson, D. D. (D)	Tyler	1881
Alderson, John D. (D)	Nicholas	1883-1887
Walker, George J. (D)	Jackson	1889
Armstrong, Holly G. (D)	Jackson	1891
Byrne, William E. R. (D)	Braxton	1893
Harris, John T. (R)	Wood	1895-1927
Hodges, M. S. (R)	Pendleton	1929-1931
Lively, Charles (D)	Lewis	1933-1941
Watkins, A. Hale (D)	Marion	1941-1943
Watkins, Fred B. (D)	Taylor	1943
¹ Myers, J. Howard (D)	Berkeley	1945-1971
¹ Carson, Howard W. (D)	Fayette	1972-1973
² Dillon, J. C., Jr. (D)	Summers	1975-1979
² Willis, Todd C. (D)	Logan	1980-1989
³ Holmes, Darrell (D)	Kanawha	1989-2011
Minard, Joseph M. (D)	Harrison	2013
⁴ Barnes, Clark (R)	Randolph	2015-2017
⁴ Cassiss, Lee (I)	Kanawha	Appt. Jan. 6, 2018; 2018 - 2025

¹Myers resigned January 12, 1972; Carson elected to fill vacancy.

²Dillon resigned December 31, 1979; Willis elected to fill vacancy.

³Willis resigned July 31, 1989; Holmes appointed August 15, 1989, the 19th Clerk of the Senate.

⁴Barnes resigned January 5, 2018; Cassiss appointed to fill vacancy.

SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS OF THE SENATE

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
Kyle, Edmund (R)	Wetzel	1863
Hagans, Alpheus (R)	Preston	1864-1869
Collett, William H. (R)	Wood	1870
Clark, N. S. (D)	Wood	1871-1873
Alderson, John D. (D)	Nicholas	1875-1881
Vandiver, Charles H. (D)	Mineral	1883
Hays, S. A. (D)	Gilmer	1885
Marcum, J. H. (D)	Wayne	1887
Hawkins, Steele R. (D)	Kanawha	1889
Tracy, M. E. (D)	Ohio	1891
Bumgardner, W. S. (D)	Wirt	1893
Willey, Cyrus (R)	Summers	1895
Devore, J. N. (R)	Jackson	1897
Swisher, Charles W. (R)	Marion	1899
Fish, E. H. (R)	Cabell	1901
Largent, Lewis (R)	Morgan	1903
O'Brien, Thomas Jr. (R)	Ohio	1905
Long, Will E. (R)	Tyler	1907
Simms, John T. (R)	Fayette	1909
Mehen, James R. (D)	Wood	1911-1913
Long, Will E. (R)	Tyler	1915
Petty, O. A. (R)	Kanawha	1917
Hill, Bonner H. (R)	Kanawha	1919
Smith, Jack (R)	Cabell	1921
Kindleberger, M. C. (R)	Ohio	1923
¹ Skeen, Herbert (R)	Jackson	1925
¹ Hallanan, John (R)	Cabell	1925
Bennett, D. C. (R)	Wetzel	1927
Mullens, Roscoe C. (R)	Putnam	1929-1931
² Dotson, C. D. (D)	Wood	1933
² Elliott, C. D. (D)	Braxton	1933
Wolfe, Fred D. (D)	Jackson	1935
Dent, C. P. (D)	Fayette	1937
Hays, Alfred K. (D)	Wood	1939
Hall, Calvin N. (D)	Lincoln	1941
Wolfe, Fred C. (D)	Jackson	1943
Moler, Edward T. (D)	Berkeley	1945-1947
Greene, Carroll (D)	Jackson	1949
Calloway, Vernon O. (D)	McDowell	1951
Pelfrey, Homer A. (D)	Wayne	1953
Caudle, Dave (D)	McDowell	1955
Williams, George D. (D)	Lincoln	1957
Neal, Jacob A. (D)	Nicholas	1959
Howell, John E. (D)	Kanawha	1961-1979
Bevins, Estil L. (D)	Mingo	1981
Woodall, Emory (D)	Lincoln	1983
Bevins, Estil L. (D)	Mingo	1985-1993
DeRaimo, Toney (D)	Kanawha	1995-2003
Wellman, Howard (D)	Mercer	2005-2015
Palmer, Andrew (I)	Kanawha	2017
³ Freedman, Joseph Allen (R)	Kanawha	2019-2021
³ Lavender, David	Putnam	2022-2023
⁴ Stephen Walker	Putnam	2024

¹Skeen resigned April 30, 1925. Hallanan was elected to fill the vacancy.²Dotson resigned as Sergeant-at-Arms at the beginning of the second extraordinary session in 1933. Elliott was elected to fill the vacancy.³On December 22, 2021 Freedman resigned and Lavender was elected on January 10, 2022, to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.⁴Dave Lavender resigned and Stephen Walker was elected Jan 2024

DOORKEEPERS OF THE SENATE

Name and Politics	County	When Elected
Dunnington, W. M. (R)	Marion	1863
Bogges, Thomas L. (R)	Marion	1864-1865
Mahon, Richard G. (R)	Jackson	1866-1868
Hager, Robert (R)	Boone	1869
Charnock, John H. (R)	Ohio	1870
Cook, Ballard (R)	Wyoming	1871
Ball, Augustus (D)	Boone	1872
Alderson, John D. (D)	Nicholas	1872-1873
Roach, F. D. (D)	Wyoming	1875
Percival, Thomas H. (D)	Jefferson	1877
Chilton, George S. (D)	Kanawha	1879
Kelley, David O. (D)	Greenbrier	1881-1885
Grass, Thomas J. (D)	Lincoln	1887
Madison, James A. (D)	Wood	1889
Dent, Willis (D)	Fayette	1891
Burton, W. S. (D)	Putnam	1893
Campbell, Hiram (R)	Calhoun	1895
Hamrick, C. C. (R)	Webster	1897
Hayes, C. C. (R)	Fayette	1899
Pettigrew, David S. (R)	Nicholas	1901-1903
Dorsey, J. M. (R)	Clay	1905
Gough, C. V. (R)	Taylor	1907-1909
Thurman, W. C. (D)	Raleigh	1911
Dorsey, J. M. (R)	Clay	1913
Smith, Jack (R)	Cabell	1915-1919
Stewart, James P. (R)	Marshall	1921-1923
Meservie, W. R. (R)	Ritchie	1925
Blizzard, John W. (R)	Fayette	1927
McDougal, A. S. (R)	Ritchie	1929
Marschner, A. E. (R)	Ohio	1931
Bell, C. W. (D)	Nicholas	1933
Tripplett, G. W. (D)	Cabell	1935
Hefner, M. H. (D)	Braxton	1937
Martin, Arthur M. (D)	Cabell	1939
Garrett, J. T. (D)	Putnam	1941
Cooper, W. C. (D)	Webster	1943
Smith, J. H. (D)	Mercer	1945
Watts, Oscar (D)	Wayne	1947
Douglas, Guy (D)	Fayette	1949-1951
Elmore, Clarence C. (D)	Mercer	1953
Babich, Paul (D)	Raleigh	1955
Howell, John E. (D)	Kanawha	1957
Babich, Paul (D)	Raleigh	1959-1961
Douglas, Guy (D)	Fayette	1963-1967
Monroe, J. Brent (D)	Nicholas	1969-1971
Chafin, G. L. "Jerry" (D)	Mingo	1973
Bevins, Estil L. (D)	Mingo	1975-1979
Grizzell, Aubrey R. (D)	Kanawha	1981-1987
¹ Cotton, Porter (D)	Kanawha	1989-1995
¹ Trail, Jack (D)	Kanawha	1996-2007
² Gallo, Anthony (D)	Kanawha	2011-2015
³ Branham, Jeffrey L. (R)	Kanawha	³ 2016; 2017-2023
⁴ Ralph Coleman. (R)	Kanawha	³ 2024

¹Cotton died January 4, 1996, Trail elected January 10, 1996.²Gallo died June 16, 2015.³Branham appointed Acting Doorkeeper January 12, 2016.⁴Ralph Coleman elected Feb 27, 2025

SENATE STAFF

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<i>Chief Journal Clerk:</i>	
Lori Nichols	357-7895
<i>Bill History Clerk:</i>	
Xris Hess	357-7894
<i>Chief Counsel to Senate:</i>	
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<i>Deputy Chief of Staff</i>	
Casey Long	357-7952
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Jacque Bland	357-7999
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Richie Novak	357-7962
<i>Executive Assistant to the Majority leader:</i>	
Isabel Kinnison	357-7845
<i>Executive Assistant:</i>	
Diana Ramsey	357-7800
<i>Counsel to Minority:</i>	
Lincoln Wolfe	357-7816
<i>Assistant to Minority Caucus:</i>	
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<i>Counsel to Finance Committee:</i>	
Jeff Johnson.....	357-7909

<i>Budget Director to Finance Committee:</i>	
Chris DeWitte	357-7867
<i>Clerk/Administrative Assistant to Finance Committee:</i>	
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<i>Counsel to Judiciary Committee:</i>	
J.A. Curia 111.....	357-7824
<i>Clerk to Judiciary Committee:</i>	
Beverly Douglas	357-7908
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Carl Fletcher	357-7835
<i>Clerk to Government Organization Committee:</i>	
Sierra Williams	357-7971
<i>Counsel to Health and Human Resources Committee:</i>	
Cindy Dellinger	357-7965
<i>Clerk to Health and Human Resources Committee:</i>	
John Giovengo.....	357-7946
<i>Counsel to Education Committee:</i>	
Hank Hager.....	357-7871
<i>Clerk to Education Committee:</i>	
Ben Mack	357-7915
<i>Counsel to Minor Committees:</i>	
Candace Kraus.....	357-7502
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Sandy Westfall	357-7857
<i>Supplies:</i>	
Eddie Lee.....	357-7903

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**EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

2025-2026

OFFICERS

Speaker: Roger Hanshaw - Wallback

Clerk: Jeffrey Pack - Beckley

Sergeant-at-Arms: Edward Hart II - Fayetteville

Doorkeeper: Robert Stewart - Cross Lanes

Name	District	City	Occupation	Term
Adkins, Stanley (R)	49th	Summersville	Certified Public Accountant	87th
Akers II, James Robert "JB" (R)	55th	Charleston	Lawyer	Appt. 1/9/2024, 87th
Amos, Michael (R)	27 th	Kenova	Physician	87 th
Anders, Chris S (R)	97 th	Martinsburg	Political Consultant	87 th
Anderson, Bill (R)	10th	Williamstown	Educator	71st - 87th
¹ Bell, William "Bill" (R)	8 th	Parkersburg	Teacher	Appt. July 7, 2025
Bennett, Donald Lee (R)	94th	Martinsburg		87th
Bridges Jordan (R)	33rd	Logan	Coal Miner	85th - 87th
Brooks, Eric (R)	45th	Mount Hope	Retired	87th
Browning, Ryan (R)	28th	Kenova		Appt. 7/1/2024, 87th
Burkhammer, Adam (R)	64th	Horner	Business Owner	85th - 87th
Butler, Jim (R)	18th	Henderson	Excavating Contractor ...	81st-84th; 87th
Campbell, Jeff (R)	46th	Lewisburg	Teacher/Broadcaster	Appt. 10/30/2017, 83rd; 84th; Appt. 9/15/2023, 86-87th
² Cannon, David (R)	89 th	Romney		Appt. 1/3/2025, 87 th
Cannon, Jarred (R)	21st	Hurricane	Business Owner	Appt. 6/15/2022, 85 th - 87 th
Canterbury, Ray (R)	47th	Ronceverte		75 th -82 nd ; 87th
Chiarelli, Geno (R)	78th	Morgantown		87th
Clark, Wayne (R)	99th	Charles Town	Business Owner	85th - 87th
Clay, Marshall (R)	51 st	Fayetteville		87 th
Cooper, Roy (R)	40th	Wayside	Retired	81st - 87th

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Name	District	City	Occupation	Term
Coop-Gonzalez, Elias (R)	67th	Elkins	College Student	87th
Criss, Vernon (R)	12th	Parkersburg	Executive	69th; 83rd - 87th
Crouse, Kathie Hess (R)	19th	Buffalo	Appt. 12/1/21, 85th;	87th
Dean, Mark (R)	34th	Verner	Home Health Executive	83rd - 87th
Dillon, Henry C. (R)	29th	Naugatuck	Educator	86 th -87th
Dittman, Lori (R)	63rd	Gassaway	Teacher/Small Business Owner	86 th -87th
Drennan, Sarah (R)	20 th	Winfield	RN NICU	87 th
Eldridge, Jeff (R)	30 th			76 th -78 th ; 80 th -82 nd ; 87 th
Ellington, Joe (R)	38th	Princeton	Physician	80th - 87th
Fehrenbacher, Bob (R)	11th	Vienna	Retired	86 th -87th
Ferrell, Dana (R)	60th	Sissonville	Business Owner	85th – 86 th -87th
Flanigan, Bill (R)	4 th	Wheeling	Appt. Jan 15, 2016;	87 th
Fluharty, Shawn (D)	5th	Wheeling	Attorney	82nd - 87th
Foggini, Dave (R)	14th	Belleville	Physics Teacher	86 th -87th
Funkhouser, Joe (R)	98 th	Charles Town	Appt. Oct. 21, 2024;	87 th
Garcia, Rick (D)	76th	Fairmont		87th
Gearheart, Marty (R)	37th	Bluefield	Businessman	80th – 83rd; 85th – 87th
Green, David (R)	36 th	Iaeger	Appt. 1/29/2024;	86th
Hall, Walter (R)	58th	St. Albans	Licensed Insurance Agent	86 th -87th
Hamilton, Anita (D)	81st	Morgantown	Healthcare Worker	Appt. 4/26/23, 86 th -87th
Hansen, Evan (D)	79th	Morgantown	Company President	84th - 87th
Hanshaw, Roger (R)	62nd	Wallback	Attorney	82nd - 87th
Heckert, Scot (R)	13th	Parkersburg		86 th -87th
Hillenbrand, Rick (R)	88th	Romney	Retired	86 th -87th
Hite, Michael (R)	92nd	Martinsburg	Business Owner	86 th -87th
Holstein, Josh (R)	32nd	Ashford		85th – 87th
Hornbuckle, Sean (D)	25th	Huntington	Financial Advisor	82nd - 87th

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Name	District	City	Occupation	Term
Hornby, Michael (R).....	93rd	Martinsburg	CEO.....	86 th -87th
Horst, Charles K. "Chuck" (R)....	95th	Falling Waters	Business Owner.....	85th - 87th
Hott II, John Paul (R)	85th	Petersburg	Insurance/Disposal Service ..	84th - 87th
Howell, Gary G. (R)	87th	Keyser	Business Owner/Mail Order Auto Parts.....	80th - 87th
Howell, Tresa (R)	52 nd	Winifrede		87 th
Jeffries, Dean (R).....	61st	Elkview	Insurance Agent	Appt. 9/5/2018, 83 rd , 84th - 87th
Jennings, D. "Buck" Rolland (R).84th		Thornton	Self-Employed.....	Appt. 10/10/2017, 83rd; 84th - 87th
³ Jordan, John K. (R).....	42 nd	Beckley		Appt. 1/13/2026
⁴ Kelly, Betsy (R)	9 th	Pennsboro		Appt. 2/17/2026
Kimble, Laura (R).....	71st	Bridgeport	Homemaker	85th – 87th
Kump, Larry (D).....	94th	Falling Waters	Retired	80th – 81st; 84th; 86 th -87 th
Kyle, Jonathan (R).....	66th	Elkins	Real Estate	87 th
Leavitt, Tristan (R)	53rd	Charleston	Attorney	87 th
Lewis, Hollis T. II (D).....	57th	Charleston	Attorney	Appt. 9/19, 2023, 86 th -87th
Linville, Daniel (R).....	22nd	Milton	IT Director.....	Appt. 8/1/2018, 83rd; 84th - 87th
Lucas, Patrick (R).....	24th	Barboursville	Real Estate Broker.....	86 th -87th
Mallow, Phil (R).....	75th	Kingmont	Retired	85th - 86 th -87th
Marple, Keith (R)	69th	Lost Creek	Retired	86 th -87th
Martin, Carl "Robbie" (R)	65th	Buckhannon	Business Owner.....	84th - 87th
Masters, Ian T. (R).....	91 st	Gerrardstown	Attorney	Appt, Jan 23, 2025; 87 th
Maynor, Jordan (R).....	41st	Beaver		Appt. 8/19/21, 85th; 86 th -87th
Mazzocchi, Margitta (R).....	31st	Chapmanville	Business Owner.....	85th-87th
McCormick, David (R).....	82 nd	Morgantown	Entrepreneur.....	87 th
McGeehan, Pat (R)	1st	Chester	Business Management; Author	79th; 82nd -87th
Miller, George A. (R)	90th	Berkeley Springs	Retired	85th – 87th
Moore, Erica (R).....	15th	Spencer		Appt. 9/6/2023, 86 th -87th
Parsons, Joe (R)	16th	Ripley		87 th

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Name	District	City	Occupation	Term
Petitto, Mickey (R)	70th	Clarksburg	Accountant; Real Estate Broker and Appraiser	86 th -87th
Phillips, Chris (R)	68th	Buckhannon	President, CGP Foods, Inc ..	84th – 87th
Pinson, Jonathan Adam (R)	17th	Point Pleasant	Pastor	85th – 87th
Pritt, David “Elliott” (R ⁹)	50th	Oak Hill	Teacher	86 th -87th
Pushkin, Mike (D)	54th	Charleston	Taxi Driver/Musician	82nd - 87th
Ridenour, Bill (R)	100th	Harpers Ferry	Retired	86 th -87th
Riley, Clay (R)	72nd	Shinnston	Professional Engineer	85th – 87th
Rohrbach, Matthew (R)	26th	Huntington	Physician	82nd - 87th
Roop, Carl “Bill” (R)	44th	Beckley	Attorney	Appt. 7/6/2024, 86th
Shamblin, Andy (R)	59th	Nitro	Teacher; Minister; City Council ..	86th
Sheedy, Charles (R)	7th	Cameron	Retired	86th
Smith, Bryan (R)	73 rd	Grafton	Business Owner	87 th
Smith, Doug (R)	39th	Princeton	Retired	85th – 86th
Statler, Joe (R)	77th	Core	Retired	82nd – 83rd; 85th – 86th
Stephens, Jeffrey (R)	6th	Wheeling	Teacher/Athletic Director	Appt. 10/25/2023, 86th
Street, George (R)	83rd	Masontown	Explosive Ordinance Technician; Farmer	86th
Toney, Christopher Wayne (R)	43rd	Beckley	School Bus Operator	84th - 86th
Vance, Adam (R)	35th	Brenton	Underground Coal Miner	86 th
⁵ Ward, Guy (R)	74th	White Hall	Appt. 1/27/2026; 87th	
Ward, Bryan C. (R)	86th	Fisher	Retired	85th – 86 th ; 87th
⁶ Watt, Gregory (R)	48 th	Hacker Valley	Military Retired	87 th
White, Lisa (R)	96 th	Indwood	Retired	87 th
Williams, John (D)	80th	Morgantown	Financial Advisor	83rd – 86th
Willis, Jimmy (R)	3rd	Wellsburg		86th
Worrell, Evan (R)	23rd	Salt Rock	Chief Operating Officer,	
Young, Kayla (D)	56th	South Charleston Entrepreneur		85th – 86th

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Zatezalo, Mark (R)	2nd	Weirton	Hydrogeologist	82nd - 83rd; 85th - 86th

¹ William "Bill" Bell, appointed July 7, 2025 to fill the vacancy created by the June, 2025 resignation of David Kelley.

² David Cannon, appointed February 12, 2025 to fill the vacancy created by the December, 2024 resignation of Darren Thome.

³ John K. Jordan, appointed January 12, 2026 to fill the vacancy created by the December, 2025 resignation of Brandon Steele.

⁴ Betsy Kelly, appointed February 17, 2026 to fill the vacancy created by the January, 2026 resignation of Trenton Barnhart.

⁵ Guy Ward, appointed January 29, 2026 to fill the vacancy created by the January, 2026 resignation of Michael DeVault.

⁶ Gregory Watt, appointed October 3, 2025 to fill the vacancy created by the September, 2025 resignation of Thomas Clark.

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

OFFICERS

President: Randy E. Smith - Preston

Clerk: Bruce Lee Cassis, Jr. - Kanawha

Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Walker – Putnam

Doorkeeper: Ralph Coleman – Kanawha

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Term</u>
Azinger, Michael T. (R).....	3rd	Wood	Manager	82nd (House); 83rd - 87th
Bamhart, Trenton (R).....	3rd	Pleasants	Banker	Appt (House) 2019; Appt (Senate) Jan 27, 2026; 87th
Barrett, Jason (R).....	16th	Berkeley	Business Owner	81st – 82nd (House); 86th - 87th
Bartlett, Kevan (R).....	8th	Kanawha	Pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church	Appt Oct 21, 2019; 84th(H)Appt Feb 6, 2025; 87th
Chapman, Laura (R).....	1st.....	Ohio	Attorney	86th&87th
Chamock, Anne (R).....	17th	Kanawha	Attorney	Appt Feb 8, 2025, 87th
Clements, Charles H. (R).....	2nd	Wetzel.....	Retired.....	77th (House); Appt. Jan. 28, 2017, 83rd - 87th
Deeds, Vince (R).....	10th	Greenbrier	Retired.....	86th - 87th
Fuller, Scott (R).....	5th	Wayne	Retired.....	87th
Garcia, Joey (D).....	13th	Marion.....	Attorney.....	85th- 86th (H); 87th
Grady, Amy N. (R).....	4th	Mason.....	Teacher	86th - 87th
Hamilton, Bill (R).....	11th	Hampshire	Retired.....	76th-83rd (House); 84th – 87th
Hart, Craig (R).....	6th	Mingo.....	Teacher	87th
Helton, Brian (R).....	9th	Fayette	Business Owner	87th
Jeffries, Glenn D. (R).....	8th	Red House	Businessman.....	83rd - 87th
Martin, Patrick (R).....	12th	Lewis.....	Business Owner	83rd – 84th (House); 85th - 87th
Maynard, Mark R. (R).....	6th	Wayne	Automobile Dealer.....	82nd - 87th
Maynard, Zack (R).....	7th	Lincoln	Business	Appt Oct 30, 2025; 87th
Morris, Robert (R).....	11th	Randolph.....	Economic Development Director.....	87th
Oliverio II, Michael A. (R).....	13th	Monongalia.....	Life Insurance Agent	71st (House); 72nd - 78th; 86th - 87th

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Name	District	County	Occupation	Term
Phillips, Rupert W., Jr. (R)	7th	Logan	Sales Manager	80th – 83rd (House); (Senate) 85th - 87th
Queen, Ben (R)	12th	Harrison	Business Owner	83rd – 84th (House); (Senate) 86th - 87th
Roberts, Rollan (R)	9th	Raleigh	Minister	84th – 87th
Rose, Chris (R)	2nd	Monongalia	Engineer	87th
Rucker, Patricia Puertas (R)	16th	Jefferson	Home Schooling Mother	83rd - 87th
Smith, Randy E. (R)	14th	Preston	Coal Miner	81st - 82nd (House); 83rd - 87th
Takubo, Tom (R)	17th	Kanawha	Physician	82nd - 87th
Tarr, Eric J. (R)	4th	Putnam	Small Business Owner	84th – 87th
Taylor, Jay (R)	14th	Taylor	Prosecuting Attorney Clerk	86th & 87th
Thorne, Darren (R)	5th	Hampshire	Farmer	87th (House) Appt Dec 20, 2024
Weld, Ryan W. (R)	1st	Brooke	Attorney	82nd (House); 83rd - 87th
Willis, Tom (R)	15th	Berkeley	Business Owner	87th
Woelfel, Michael A. (D)	5th	Cabell	Attorney	82nd – 87th
Woodrum, Jack David (R)	10th	Hinton	Funeral Director	85th & 87th