

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2018 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 302**

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to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §7-3-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to the size requirements for flags that county commissions must purchase and display.

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

**ARTICLE 3. COUNTY PROPERTY.**

**§7-3-2a. County commissions to purchase and display flags.**

1 The county commission of every county of the state shall purchase, out of its General  
 2 Revenue Fund, a United States flag and a flag of the State of West Virginia, four feet by six feet  
 3 minimum, in dimensions and of regulation bunting, or of other appropriate size and quality, for its  
 4 courthouse, and shall require the flags to be displayed from the courthouse, or from an appropriate  
 5 nearby staff or pole, every day between the hours of sunrise and sunset, except in inclement  
 6 weather. Each county commission shall also purchase a United States flag and a flag of the State  
 7 of West Virginia, and require the flags to be displayed at all times in the circuit courtroom of the  
 8 county. Each county and any municipality therein may purchase a POW-MIA flag to be displayed  
 9 from its courthouse or other governmental building alongside the state flag and United States flag  
 10 on Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA  
 11 Recognition Day and Veteran's Day each year. The custodian or other person in charge of the  
 12 courthouse shall display the flags as required by this section.

13 Any United States flag or flag of the State of West Virginia purchased out of the general  
 14 revenue of the county must be manufactured in the United States.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to broaden the statutory size requirement for flags that county commissions must purchase and display by adding the word "minimum" to the size requirement.

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