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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 649

By Senators Blair (Mr. President), Trump, Rucker, and Barrett

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A BILLto amend chapter 232, Acts of the Legislature, Regular Session 2008, by adding thereto a new section designated section six, relating to authorizing the Berkeley County Council to change its name to the Berkeley County Commission; providing that name change does not affect commission’s powers, duties, or responsibilities, or number or terms of commission’s members; and requiring public notice of council’s intent to change its name.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

BERKELEY COUNTY COMMISSION

§6. Name change to Berkeley County Commission.

(a) The Berkeley County Council may, by a majority vote of the council, adopt a resolution that solely changes its name back to the Berkeley County Commission. The resolution shall not constitute a reformation, alteration, or modification of the form of county government. The council, upon changing its name, shall retain its powers, duties, and responsibilities as a county commission, as provided in the constitution and the general laws of this state. The change in the name of the council shall not affect or alter the number or terms of its members.

(b) At least 30 days prior to consideration of the resolution, the council shall give notice of the proposed change by publication of the intent to change its name in each weekly or daily newspaper as a Class II-0 legal advertisement in compliance with West Virginia Code §59-3-1 *et seq.*