

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

### **ENROLLED**

## **House Bill 2479**

By Delegates Maynor, Petitto, J. Cannon, Hornby,  
Holstein, Chiarelli, Browning, Jeffries, Gearheart,  
Roop, and Dean

[Passed April 12, 2025; in effect 90 days from  
passage (July 11, 2025)]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §7-12-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to management and control of county authority vested in a board; and reducing minimum  
3 number of members of county economic development authority.

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

**ARTICLE 12. COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES.**

**§7-12-3. Management and control of county authority vested in board; appointment and  
terms of members; vacancies; removal of members.**

1 The management and control of a county authority, its property, operations, business, and  
2 affairs shall be lodged in a board of not fewer than seven nor more than 21 persons who shall be  
3 appointed by the county commission and be known as members of the authority. The county  
4 commission shall appoint one member to represent the county commission on the board.  
5 Members of the board shall be appointed by the county commission. The members of the authority  
6 first appointed shall serve respectively for terms of one year, two years and three years, divided  
7 equally or as nearly equal as possible between these terms. Thereafter, members shall be  
8 appointed for terms of three years each. A member may be reappointed for such additional term or  
9 terms as the county commission may deem proper. If a member resigns, is removed or for any  
10 other reason his or her membership terminates during his or her term of office, a successor shall  
11 be appointed by the county commission to fill out the remainder of his or her term. Members in  
12 office at the expiration of their respective terms shall continue to serve until their successors have  
13 been appointed and have qualified. The county commission may at any time remove any member  
14 of the board by an order duly entered of record and may appoint a successor member for any  
15 member so removed.

16 Other persons, firms, unincorporated associations, and corporations, who reside, maintain  
17 offices, or have economic interests in the county, are eligible to participate in and request the  
18 county commission to appoint members to the development authority as the said authority shall by  
19 its bylaws provide.



The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby  
certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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The within is ..... this the.....  
Day of ....., 2025.

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*Governor*