

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2025 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 178

By Senator Chapman

[Introduced February 12, 2025; referred

to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated 3-1-8a, relating to imposing a limit of three terms on officials elected to public
3 office in the state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.

§3-1-18a. Term limits of elected officials.

1 No person seeking a public office pursuant to §3-1-16, §3-1-17, and §3-1-18 shall serve
2 more than three consecutive terms for the same office. This restriction does not apply to partial
3 terms to which an official may be appointed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to limit the number of terms of elected officials to three.

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