

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2025 REGULAR SESSION

Enrolled

Senate Bill 621

BY SENATORS WILLIS, WOELFEL, AND THORNE

[Passed March 24, 2025; in effect 90 days from
passage (June 22, 2025)]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §51-1-12 and §51-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
2 amended, relating to authorizing digital court records; providing duties of Clerk of Supreme
3 Court of Appeals or designated staff to include preserving digital and physical court
4 records; requiring orders to be entered in a book or kept digitally by clerk of court; and
5 removing requirement that order books be signed by judge or presiding officer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.

§51-1-12. Duties of clerk.

1 It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals to attend in person, or by
2 designated staff, all the sessions of the court, to obey its orders and directions, to preserve all
3 digital and physical court records, and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law
4 or required of him or her by the court.

ARTICLE 3. COURTS IN GENERAL.

§51-3-4. Records.

1 The orders of every court shall be entered in a book or kept digitally by the clerk of court.

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

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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Day of, 2025.

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Governor