

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4157**

By Delegate Kump

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred to the

Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to repeal §3-6-4a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the  
2 requirement that write-in candidates file with the Secretary of State before votes for said  
3 candidates can be counted.

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

**ARTICLE 6. CANVASS OF RETURNS; DECLARATION OF RESULTS;  
RECORDKEEPING.**

**§3-6-4a. Filing requirements for write-in candidates.**

1 [Repealed.]

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove the requirement that write-in candidates file with the Secretary of State before votes for said candidates can be counted.

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