

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 1052

FISCAL
NOTE

By Senator Phillips

[Introduced February 21, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Government Organization; and
then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new a section,
 2 designated §7-1-17, relating to requiring county commissions to approve or disapprove
 3 any purchase made with county fire levy moneys by any volunteer fire department in
 4 excess of \$10,000; and requiring volunteer fire departments to submit all purchases in
 5 excess of \$10,000 to county commission for approval.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

CHAPTER 7. COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 1. COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND OFFICERS

§7-1-17. Approval of volunteer fire department purchases using fire fee levy monies.

1 A county commission shall, effective July 1, 2026, allow or disallow, at its discretion, any
 2 use of fire fee levy monies by volunteer fire departments for purchases in excess of \$10,000:
 3 Provided, That all purchases in excess of \$10,000 by volunteer fire departments using monies
 4 provided by a county fire board from a fire fee levy must submit such purchase to the county fire
 5 board for approval before effecting purchase.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require county commissions to approve all purchases made by volunteer fire departments over \$10,000 and made with county fire fee levy money.

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