

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 17

By Senator Rose

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;
and then to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,
2 designated §1-9-1 and §1-9-2, relating to creating the State Sovereignty Act of 2026;
3 providing a short title; and setting forth rejection of foreign entities' jurisdiction in the state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 9. STATE SOVEREIGNTY ACT OF 2026.

§1-9-1. Title.

1 This act shall be titled State Sovereignty Act of 2026.

§1-9-2. Rejection of jurisdiction of the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and

the World Economic Form.

1 (a) The World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Economic Forum
2 have no jurisdiction in this state. The state of West Virginia and its political subdivisions, including,
3 but not limited to, counties, cities, towns, precincts, water districts, school districts, school
4 administrative units, or quasi-public entities, shall not be compelled to engage in the enforcement
5 of, or any collaboration with the enforcement of, any requirements or mandates issued by the
6 World Health Organization, the United Nations, or the World Economic Forum.

7 (b) Any requirements or mandates issued by the World Health Organization, the United
8 Nations, or the World Economic Forum shall not be used in this state as a basis for action or to
9 direct, order, or otherwise impose any requirements whatsoever that are contrary to the
10 constitution and laws of this state. This includes, but is not limited to, mandates for masks,
11 vaccines, medical testing, or the gathering of any public or private information about the state's
12 citizens or residents. Any requirements or mandates issued by these foreign entities shall have no
13 force or effect in this state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to enact the State Sovereignty Act of 2026.

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