

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 188

By Senator Chapman

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §3-1-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 changing the length of term of the state political party committee chair.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.

§3-1-10. Party committees in office.

1 ~~The members of all state, congressional, senatorial, and county executive committees for~~
2 ~~political parties in office at the time this section becomes effective, and the various officers of such~~
3 ~~committees, shall hold their several offices and discharge the duties thereof until their successors~~
4 ~~are chosen and installed in accordance with the provisions of section nine of this article effective~~
5 ~~simultaneously herewith and other applicable provisions of this article, the prior provisions of~~
6 ~~section nine having become effective after the election of such members and officers for terms~~
7 ~~ending in the year 1982. The Legislature finds and declares that the prior provisions of section nine~~
8 ~~of this article should not operate to limit the terms of such members and officers before the~~
9 ~~expiration thereof as contemplated by law effective at the time of the primary election held May,~~
10 ~~1978.~~

11 The state executive committees for political parties may, at the discretion of the voting
12 body, select the length of the term of office for the committee chair. The state executive committee
13 and the newly elected chair may make nominations for vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and
14 committee members.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to change the length of term of the state political party committee chair.

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