

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 566

By Senator Chapman

[Introduced January 21, 2026; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
 2 designated §3-1-18a, relating to imposing a limit of three terms on certain officials elected
 3 to public office in the state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.

§3-1-18a. Term limits of elected officials.

1 No person seeking a public office pursuant to §3-1-16, §3-1-17, and §3-1-18 of this code
 2 may serve more than three consecutive terms for the same office. This restriction does not apply
 3 to partial terms to which an official may be appointed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to limit the number of terms of elected officials to three consecutive terms.

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