

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 908**

BY SENATOR QUEEN

[Introduced February 10, 2026; referred  
to the Committee on Finance]



1 A BILL to amend and reenact §29-22-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to flexibility in setting the lottery director's salary.

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

**ARTICLE 22. STATE LOTTERY ACT.**

**§29-22-6. Lottery director; appointment; qualifications; oath and bond; salary.**

1 (a) There is hereby created the position of the lottery director whose duties include the  
2 management and administration of the State Lottery Office. The director shall be qualified by  
3 training and experience to direct the operations of the lottery, and shall be appointed, within 90  
4 days of the effective date of this article, by the Governor and shall serve at the will and pleasure  
5 of the Governor. No person ~~shall~~ may be appointed as lottery director who has been convicted of  
6 a felony or crime involving moral turpitude.

7 (b) The director serves on a full-time basis and may not be engaged in any other  
8 profession or occupation.

9 (c) The director:

10 (1) Shall have a good reputation, particularly as a person of honesty and integrity, and  
11 shall favorably pass a thorough background investigation prior to appointment;

12 (2) The director shall not hold political office in the government of the state either by  
13 election or appointment while serving as director;

14 (3) The director shall be a citizen of the United States and must become a resident of the  
15 state within 90 days of appointment;

16 (4) Notwithstanding §6-7-2a of this code, the the director shall receive an annual salary  
17 as provided for by the Governor in an initial appointment letter, or the salary may be changed  
18 annually by subsequent letter that is subject to the lottery's current budget allocation; and

19 (5) The director and his or her executive secretary are ineligible for civil service coverage  
20 as provided in §29-6-4 of this code.

21           (d) Before entering upon the discharge of the duties as director, the director shall take and  
22       subscribe to the oath of office prescribed in section 5, article IV of the Constitution of West Virginia  
23       and shall enter into a bond in the penal sum of \$100,000 with a corporate surety authorized to  
24       engage in business in this state, conditioned upon the faithful discharge and performance of the  
25       duties of the office. The executed oath and bond shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of  
26       State.