

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

RESEARCH RESOURCES FOR LAWYERS



# Who We Are

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## The Legislative Services Division:

- Receives requests for Legislation by Members
- Drafts Bills for Introduction in the House and Senate
- Proofreads all Bills for Introduction
- Responsible for obtaining the fiscal impact of bills for consideration by the Members.

# What are we going to discuss?

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- What Resources are Available on the Legislature's Website
- History and Status of the WV Code
- Key Terminology
- How Legislation is Turned Into Code: Final Steps in the Process
- How to find Enrolled Bills, Amendments, the Acts, Daily Journals, and Bound Journals
- Relevant Case Law

# Practical Circumstances for Use of Legislative Tools

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- What did §xx-xx-x say on a specific date? When was key language added?
- When exactly did this language take effect?
- Was the statute properly enacted into law?
- What happens when two bills modify the same statute during a legislative session?
- What amendments were proposed for a bill, but failed?
- What evidence is there of the Legislature's intent?

# Sources Available on the Legislative Website

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- **Acts of the Legislature** – Essentially all, going back to the establishment of statehood in 1863.
- **W. Va. Code sections** – From 1967 to the present.
- **Bill Status** – From 1993 to the present.
- **Enrolled Bills** – From 1967 to the present.
- **Daily Journals** – Senate from 2005 forward. House from 2003 forward.
- **Renumbered statute information** – from 2015 to 2021.

# Basic Statute and Legislation Areas of the Website



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# The Code of 1931

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- In 1931, West Virginia recodified all of its statutes.
- So, all new law that is created after 1931 amends that Code
- There is no official set or body of the Code in West Virginia.
- This is reflected in a Bill's Title

“A BILL to amend and reenact §61-8-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the criminal offense.....”



# The Code of 1931

## OFFICIAL CODE OF WEST VIRGINIA

### AN ACT

To revise, arrange and consolidate into a Code the general statutes of the State of West Virginia, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts of a general nature in force on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty, subject to such limitations and exceptions as are provided in chapter sixty-three of this Code.

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

That the laws embraced in the following chapters, articles and sections, shall constitute the "Code of West Virginia," and shall be so designated and cited:

#### CHAPTER 1. THE STATE AND ITS SUBDIVISIONS.

##### Art.

1. Limits and Jurisdiction.
2. Apportionment of Representation.
3. Creation of New County; Change in County Line.

#### ARTICLE 1. Limits and Jurisdiction.

##### Sec.

1. Counties comprising State of West Virginia.
2. Jurisdiction over rivers.
3. Acquisition of lands by United States; jurisdiction.
4. Execution of process and other jurisdiction as to land acquired by United States.

**Revisers' Note.**—Section 3, c. 1, Code 1923, is omitted. The United States no longer owns the two lots of ground in Wheeling provided for in said §3.

**§1. Counties Comprising State of West Virginia.**—The State of West Virginia includes all the territory formerly belonging to the State of Virginia and now comprising the following counties, to-wit: Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming. (Const. 1863, art. 1, §2; Const. 1872, art. 2, §1; 1863, cc. 35, 90; 1866, cc. 7, 29; 1867, c. 61; Code 1868, c. 1, §1; 1881, c. 20, §1; 1895, c. 68; Code 1923, c. 1, §1.)

**§2. Jurisdiction Over Rivers.**—The jurisdic-

**§3. Acquisition of Lands by United States; Jurisdiction.**—The consent of this State is hereby given to the acquisition by the United States, or under its authority, by purchase, lease, condemnation, or otherwise, of any land acquired, or to be acquired in this State by the United States, from any individual, body politic or corporate, for sites for lighthouses, beacons, signal stations, post offices, customhouses, court-houses, arsenals, soldiers' homes, cemeteries, locks, dams, armor plate manufacturing plants, projectile factories or factories of any kind or character, or any needful buildings or structures or proving grounds, or works for the improvement of the navigation of any watercourse, or work of public improvement whatever, or for the conservation of the forests, or for any other purpose for which the same may be needed or required by the government of the United States. The evidence of title to such land shall be recorded as in other cases.

Any county, magisterial district or municipality, whether incorporated under general law or special act of the legislature, shall have power to pay for any such tract or parcel of land and present the same to the government of the United States free of cost, for any of the purposes aforesaid, and to issue bonds and levy taxes for the purpose of paying for the same; and, in the case of a municipal corporation, the land so purchased and presented may be within the corporate limits of such municipality or within five miles thereof: *Provided, however,* That no such county, magisterial district or municipality shall, by the issue and sale of such bonds, cause the aggregate of its debt to exceed the limit fixed by the Constitution of this State: *Provided further,* That the provisions of the Constitution and statutes of this State, or of the special act

# Terminology

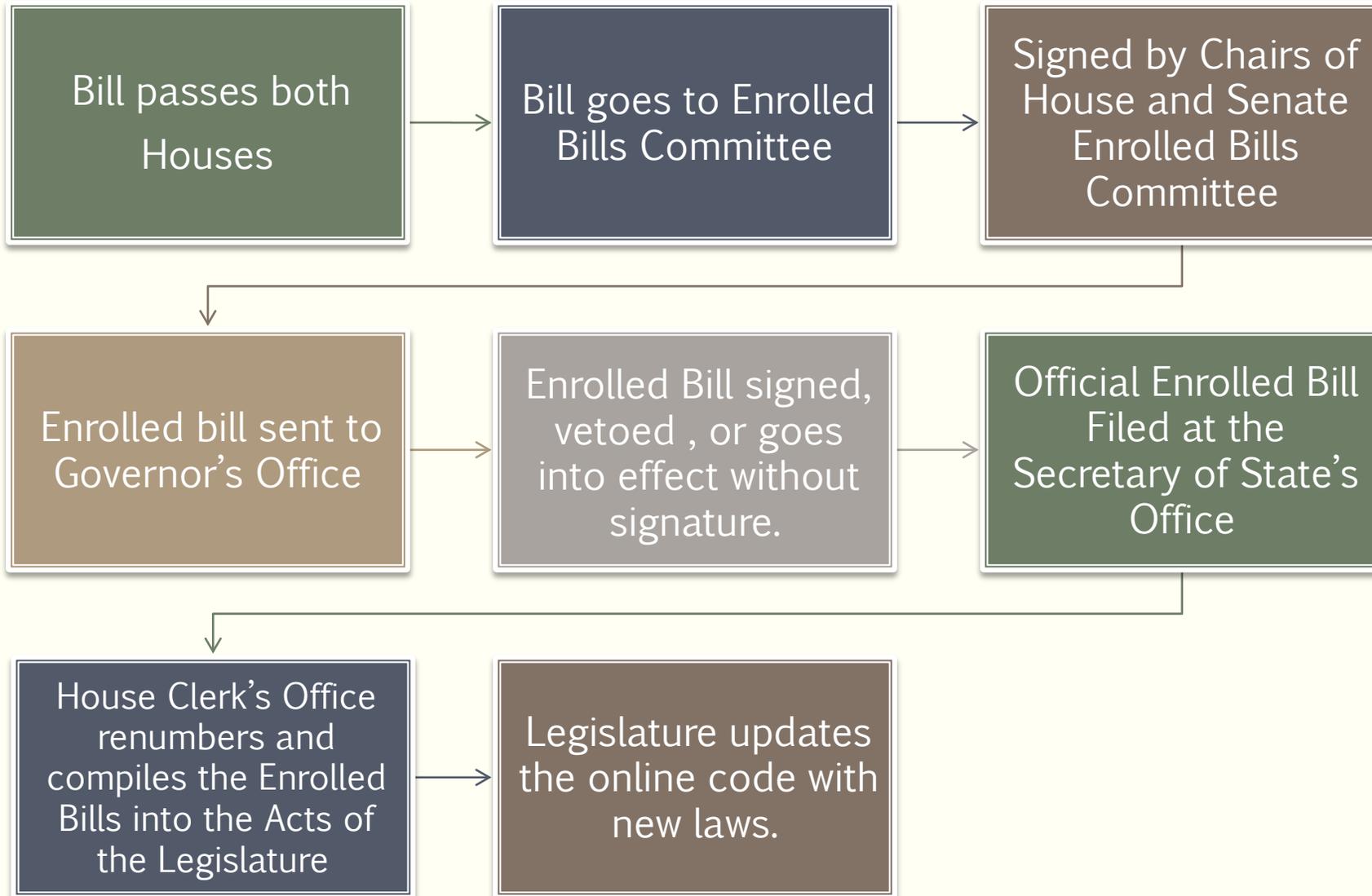
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- “Enrolled Bill” is the final, official version of a bill or joint resolution which has passed the House and Senate and contains all of the necessary signatures.
- “Act” is a bill that has been approved by the House and Senate.
- “Acts of the Legislature” is the official compilation of the bills and resolutions passed by both houses each session and which have subsequently become law.
- “Journal” is the official record of the proceedings that take place each day during in session. The Journal follows the Order of Business and details floor actions on any legislation up for introduction, amendment, or passage.

# From Legislation to the Code

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## Enactments – Transforming a bill into Law

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After a Bill is Enrolled, it is presented to the Governor.

- W.Va. Constitution, Article VII, section 14
- Failure to present to the Governor invalidates the enactment.  
Charleston Nat'l Bank v. Fox, 119 W. Va. 438 (1937).

# Enactments – Transforming a bill into Law

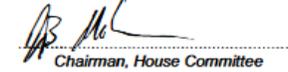
## Governor's Action

- Signature to Approve
- Veto
- Allow bill to become law without signature

Enr. CS for SB 595

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

  
Member Chairman, Senate Committee

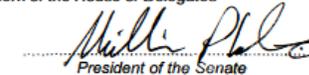
  
Chairman, House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

  
Clerk of the Senate

  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

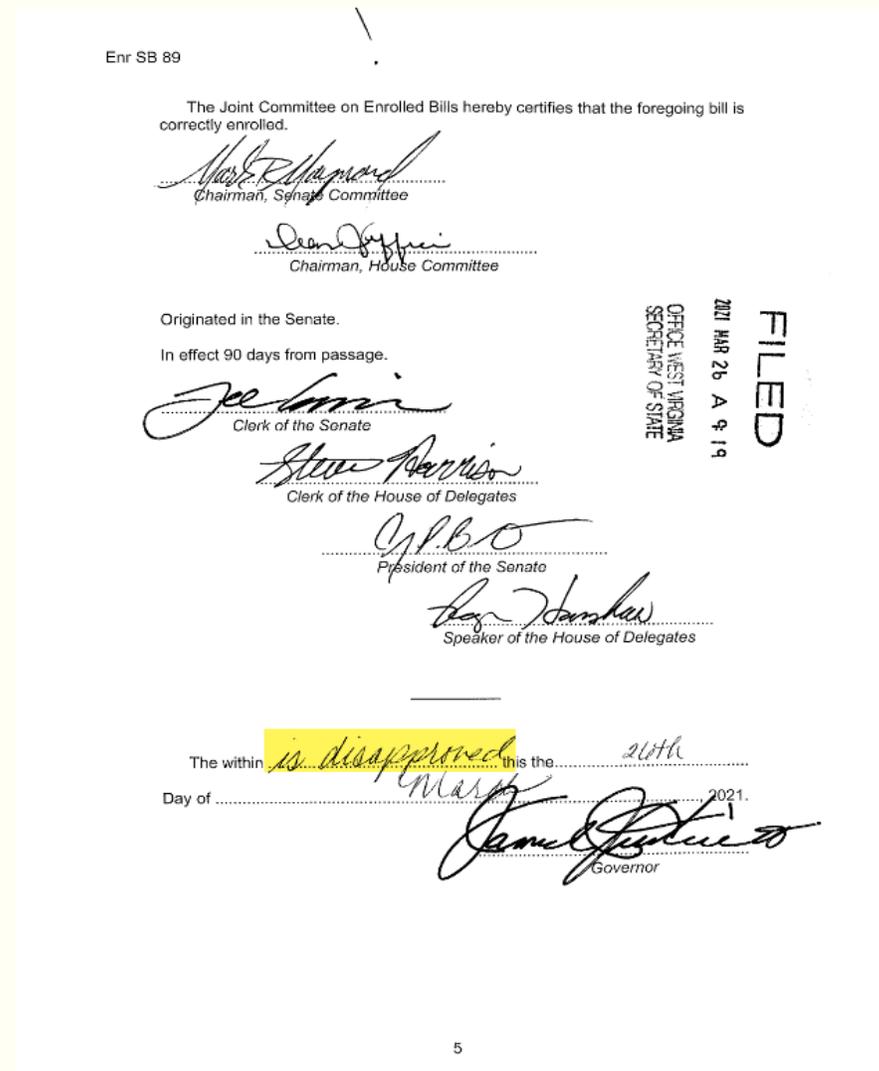
The within is approved this the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Day of April, 2016.

  
Governor

# Enactments – Transforming a bill into Law

## How an Enrolled Bill represents a Veto

- Governor notes the bill is disapproved and the date.
- The vetoed bill still contains his signature.



# Enactments – Transforming a bill into Law

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## When the Legislature Overrides a Veto

- Clerk of each House affixes a certificate of their respective house's action.

In accordance with Section 14, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, the Senate repassed, without amendment, Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 10, by a majority of those elected to the Senate, to take effect ninety days from passage, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Clerk of the Senate to the House of Delegates.

  
C. Baine  
Clerk of the Senate

March 10, 2016

In accordance with Section 14, Article VII of the Constitution, the House of Delegates reconsidered and again passed Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 10, by a majority of those elected to the House, to take effect ninety days from passage, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

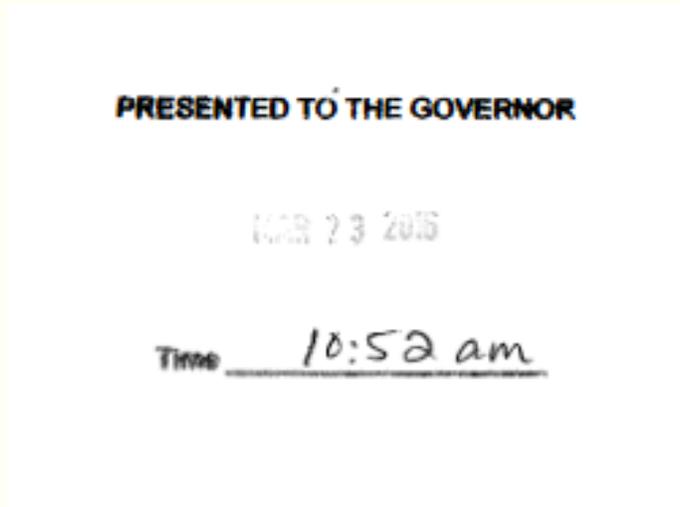
The Clerk of the House to the Senate.

  
Stephen J. Harrison  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

March 10, 2016

# Enactments – Transforming a bill into Law

## How an Enrolled Bill becomes Law without Signature



Enr CS for SB 11

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*W. S. Raymond*  
.....  
Chairman, Senate Committee

*Dean Flynn*  
.....  
Chairman, House Committee

Originated in the Senate.  
In effect 90 days from passage.

*Joe Lavin*  
.....  
Clerk of the Senate

*Stephen J. Harris*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*C. P. Blevins*  
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President of the Senate

*Leon Hancock*  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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Day of ..... 2021.

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Governor

# Where to Find Completed Bills

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- After the Governor's action, the official or original enrolled bill is filed with the Secretary of State.
- Under current practice, the Governor also signs or vetoes additional copies of the enrolled bill. These copies are filed with the Clerks of each house.
- The enrolled bill reflecting the Governor's actions is then scanned and posted to the Legislature's website.

# Where to Find Completed Bills

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Below the navigation bar, the page title is "BILL STATUS - 2019 REGULAR SESSION". To the right of the title are three dropdown menus: "Select Bill Type" (set to "Bill"), "Select Year" (set to "2019"), and "Select Session" (set to "Regular Session"). A "SUBMIT" button is located to the right of these dropdowns.

The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Search Bills by:** A list of search criteria including: All Bills (House | Senate), Subject, Short Title, Sponsor, Date Introduced, Code Affected, All Same As, Pending In Committee, Reported From Committee, Passed One Chamber, Completed Legislation, Actions by Governor, Fiscal Notes, and Acts.
- Bill Quick Search:** A section with the text "Enter Bill Number" and a text input field. A "SUBMIT" button is located to the right of the input field.
- Bill Tracking:** A section with a "Bill Tracking" button.

# Where to Find Completed Bills

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## SENATE BILL 291

**Legislative Session:** 2019(RS)

**LAST ACTION:** [Effective July 1, 2019](#)

**SUMMARY:** [Relating generally to survivor benefits for emergency response providers](#)

**LEAD SPONSOR:** [Sypolt](#)

**SPONSORS:** [Baldwin](#), [Maynard](#), [Rucker](#), [Roberts](#)

**BILL TEXT:** [Signed Enrolled Version - pdf](#)  
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**CODE AFFECTED:** [§ 5 H- 1 - 1 \(Amended Code\)](#)  
[§ 5 H- 1 - 2 \(Amended Code\)](#)  
[§ 5 H- 1 - 3 \(Amended Code\)](#)

**FISCAL NOTES:** [Forestry, WV Division of](#)  
[Treasurer's Office, WV](#)

**FLOOR AMENDMENTS:** [SB291 SFA \\_1 BLAIR 2-12adopted.htm](#)  
[SB291 SFA \\_1 BLAIR 2-12.htm](#)  
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**COM. AMENDMENTS:** [SB291 H FIN AM \\_1.htm](#)  
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# Timing of Enactments: Rules of Application and Construction

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- W. VA. CONSTITUTION, Article VI, Section 30 – There is 90-day default period for bill to take effect.
- Meaning of “passage” - STATE V. MOUNTS, Syl. pt. 3, 36 W. Va. 179, 14 S.E. 407 (1892) When the Legislature completes action, NOT when the Governor signs the bill.
- Internal dates in bills - Syl pt. 1, STATE EX REL. BD. OF EDUC. V. MELTON, 157 W. Va. 154, 159, 198 S.E.2d 130, 133, 1973 W. Va. LEXIS 200, “a statute speaks as of the time when it takes effect and not of the time it was passed.”

# Timing of Enactments

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- Determining the effective date of a bill through Bill Status.

SENATE BILL 78 [PRINT ENTIRE BILL HISTORY](#)

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**Legislative Session:** 2021(RS)

**LAST ACTION:** *Effective Ninety Days from Passage - (July 4, 2021)* 

**SUMMARY:** Relating to rehabilitative spousal support

**LEAD SPONSOR:** [Trump](#)

**SPONSORS:**

**BILL TEXT:** [Signed Enrolled Version - pdf](#)  
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[Introduced Version - html | pdf | docx](#)

**CODE AFFECTED:** [§48 - 8 - 105 \(Amended Code\)](#)

**SUBJECT(S):** [Domestic Relations](#)

**ACTIONS:**

	Description	Date	Journal Page
<b>Effective Ninety Days from Passage - (July 4, 2021)</b> 			
S	Chapter 92, Acts, Regular Session, 2021	05/24/21	
H	Approved by Governor 4/15/21 - House Journal	04/10/21	
S	Approved by Governor 4/15/21 - Senate Journal	04/10/21	494
S	Approved by Governor 4/15/21	04/15/21	
H	To Governor 4/8/21 - House Journal	04/09/21	

# Timing of Enactments

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- When the Effective Date is not listed.

## ACTIONS:

	Description	Date
S	Chapter 197, Acts, Regular Session, 2001	05/15/01
H	Approved by Governor 5/2 - House Journal	04/14/01
S	Approved by Governor 5/2/01 - Senate Journal	04/14/01
S	Approved by Governor 5/2/01	05/02/01
S	To Governor 4/20/01 - Senate Journal	04/14/01
S	To Governor 4/20/01	04/20/01
H	To Governor 4/20 - House Journal	04/14/01
H	Completed legislative action	04/14/01
S	House Message received	04/14/01
H	Communicated to Senate	04/14/01
H	Effective from passage (Roll No. 432)	04/14/01
H	Passed House (Voice vote)	04/14/01
H	Read 3rd time, Special Calendar	04/14/01
H	On 3rd reading, Special Calendar	04/14/01

# Timing of Enactments: Rules of Application and Construction

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- WILEY V. TOPPINGS, 210 W. Va. 173, 556 S.E.2d 818, 2001 W. Va. LEXIS 133

“When faced with two *conflicting* enactments, this Court and courts generally follow the black-letter principle that ‘effect should always be given to the latest . . . expression of the legislative will . . . ’ (*emphasis added*) even where the two statutes were enacted to be effective on the same date.

- *See also* Letter to Austin Caperton, Cabinet Secretary, Opinion of the Attorney General, November 1, 2017.

# When Enrolled Bills Conflict

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- When researching the WV Code, you may see references to more than one bill.
- This happens when more than one bill passes and both amend the same statute.

CHAPTER 18. EDUCATION.

**CHAPTER 18. EDUCATION.**

Article 7D      All Articles      Article 8A

ARTICLE 8. COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

**§18-8-1a. Commencement and termination of compulsory school attendance; public school entrance requirements; exceptions.** 

*NOTE: West Virginia Code §18-8-1a was amended by two bills passed during the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature. When two acts of the Legislature amend the same section of the Code without express recognition in the bill of the action of the other bill, the Legislative Manager makes no determination as to the appropriate, legal effect of the two acts. Therefore, BOTH versions of this section are set out below.*

*The later of the two acts, House Bill 2785 (passed on April 7, 2021), amended West Virginia Code §18-8-1a to read as follows:*

(a) Compulsory school attendance begins with the school year in which the sixth birthday is reached prior to July 1 of such year or upon enrolling in a full-time publicly funded kindergarten program, and continues to the 17th birthday or for as long as the student continues to be enrolled in a school system after the 17th birthday.

# When Enrolled Bills Conflict

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transcript or other credential provided by a public school program, private school program, homeschool program or HOPE scholarship program shall be accepted by a public school in this state as a record of a student's previous academic performance for the purposes of placement and credit assignment.

The earlier act, House Bill 2013 (passed on March 17, 2021) amended West Virginia Code §18-8-1a to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of this article, compulsory school attendance begins with the school year in which the sixth birthday is reached prior to September 1 of such year or upon enrolling in a publicly supported kindergarten program and, subject to subdivision (3) of this subsection, continues to the sixteenth birthday or for as long as the student continues to be enrolled in a school system after the sixteenth birthday.

(1) A child may be removed from such kindergarten program when the principal, teacher and parent or guardian concur that the best interest of the child would not be served by requiring further attendance: *Provided*, That the principal shall make the final determination with regard to compulsory school attendance in a publicly supported kindergarten program.

# How Legislation is Turned Into Code

- When a bill has been passed by the Legislature and presented to the Governor, our staff extract the text of each section and format it for the State Law area of our website.
- New or amended Code sections are posted to the website within a few days of taking effect. Repeals are also indicated on the website at the same time.
- We try to have every section live on the website on the day it is effective, but there can be some issues with bills that take effect immediately upon passage.



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ARTICLE 9      ALL ARTICLES      ARTICLE 10A

ARTICLE 10. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ACT.

**§5-10-2. Definitions.** 

Unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context, the following words and phrases as used in this article have the following meanings:

- (1) "Accumulated contributions" means the sum of all amounts deducted from the compensations of a member and credited to his or her individual account in the members' deposit fund, together with regular interest on the contributions;
- (2) "Accumulated net benefit" means the aggregate amount of all benefits paid to or on behalf of a retired member;
- (3) "Actuarial equivalent" means a benefit of equal value computed upon the basis of a mortality table and regular interest adopted by the board of trustees from time to time: Provided, That when used in the context of compliance with the federal maximum benefit requirements of Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code, actuarial equivalent shall be computed using the mortality tables and interest rates required to comply with those requirements;
- (4) "Annuity" means an annual amount payable by the retirement system throughout the life of a person. All annuities shall be paid in equal monthly installments, rounding to the upper cent for any fraction of a cent;
- (5) "Annuity reserve" means the present value of all payments to be made to a retirant or beneficiary of a retirant on account of any annuity, computed upon the basis of mortality and other tables of experience, and regular interest, adopted by the board of trustees from time to time;
- (6) "Beneficiary" means any person, except a retirant, who is entitled to, or will be entitled to, an annuity or other benefit payable by the retirement system;
- (7) "Board of Trustees" or "board" means the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement System;
- (8) "Compensation" means the remuneration paid a member by a participating public employer for personal services rendered by the member to the participating public employer. In the event a member's remuneration is not all paid in money, his or her participating public employer shall fix the value of the portion of the remuneration which is not paid in money: Provided, That

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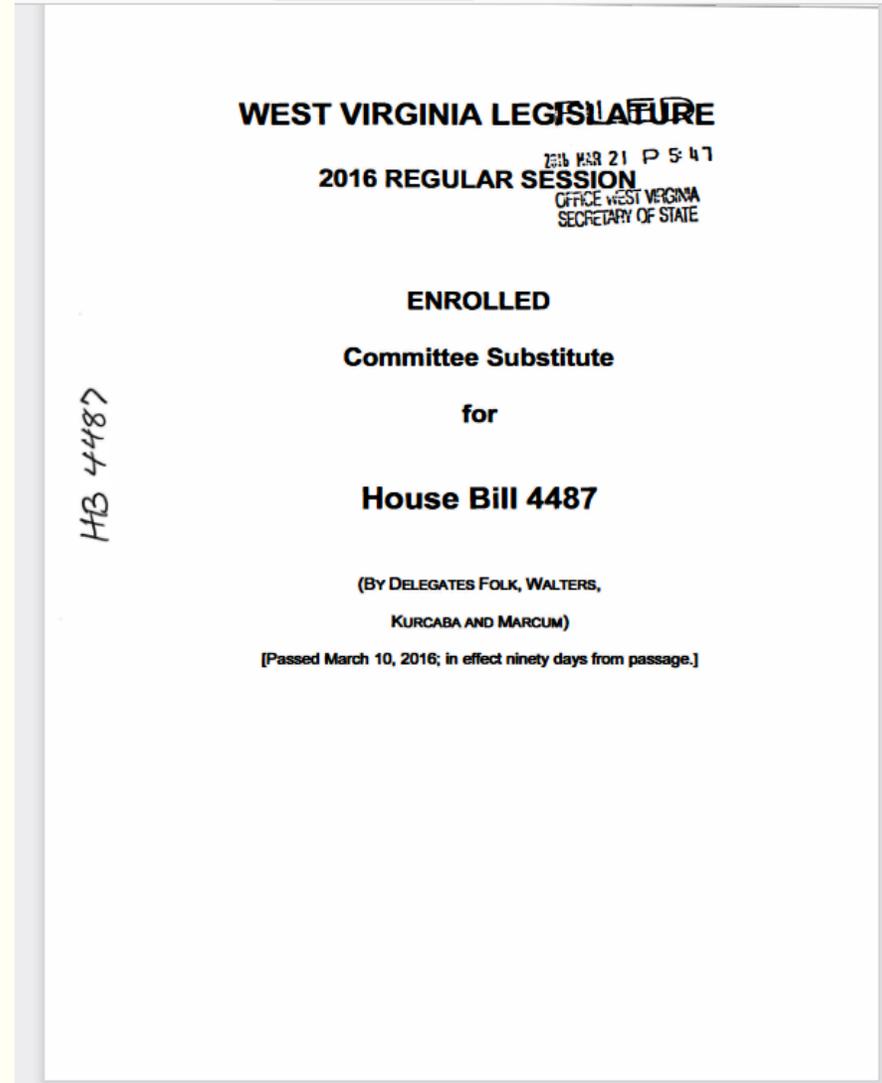
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- The website will link you directly to the enrolled bill.
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### History

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1903, c. 26, § 10a; 1908, c. 27, §§ 73, 77; 1919, c. 2, § 123; Code 1923, c. 45, § 123; 1939, c. 48, § 2; 1951, c. 80; 1986, 1st Ex. Sess., c. 14; [1997, c. 81](#); [2011, c. 53](#); 2018, c. 68.

# Finding Enrolled Bills Using the Legislative Website

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## CHAPTER 14

**(H. B. 146—By Delegate Sattes and Delegate Phillips)**

[Passed May 22, 1986; in effect July 1, 1986. Approved by the Governor.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections nineteen-b, twenty-two and thirty-nine, article five, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; to further amend said article five by adding thereto a new section, designated section

# Legislative History and Legislative Intent

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“Thus, in determining whether the Legislature has directly spoken to the issues, we will consider not only the plain language of the statute but any pertinent preenactment legislative history.

On this assumption, the question whether the Legislature has spoken on a particular question involves two smaller steps. We look first to the statute's language. If the text, given its plain meaning, answers the interpretive question, the language must prevail and further inquiry is foreclosed.

[ \* \* \* ]

If no such readily apparent meaning springs from the statute's text, we next examine, *albeit skeptically*, other extrinsic sources, such as the legislative history, in search of an unmistakable expression of legislative intent.” (emphasis added)

APPALACHIAN POWER CO. V. STATE TAX DEP'T, 195 W. Va. 573, 587, 466 S.E.2d 424, 438 (1995)

# Tracing the History of a Code Section Using the Legislative Website

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recognition payments. The board shall have final power to decide whether the payments shall be considered compensation for purposes of this article;

(9) "Contributing service" means service rendered by a member within this state and in which the member made contributions to a public retirement system account of this state, to the extent credited him or her as provided in this article;

(10) "Credited service" means the sum of a member's prior service credit, military service credit, workers' compensation service credit and contributing service credit standing to his or her credit as provided in this article;

(11) "Employee" means any person who serves regularly as an officer or employee, full time, on a salary basis, whose tenure is not restricted as to temporary or provisional appointment, in the service of, and whose compensation is payable, in whole or in part, by any political subdivision, or an officer or employee whose compensation is calculated on a daily basis and paid monthly or on completion of assignment, including technicians and other personnel employed by the West Virginia National Guard whose compensation, in whole or in part, is paid by the federal government: Provided, That an employee of the Legislature whose term of employment is otherwise classified as temporary and who is employed to perform services required by the Legislature for its regular sessions or during the interim between regular sessions and who has been or is employed during regular sessions or during the interim between regular sessions in seven or more consecutive calendar years, as certified by the clerk of the house in which the employee served, is an employee, any provision to the contrary in this article notwithstanding, and is entitled to credited service in accordance with provisions of section fourteen of this article: Provided, however, That members of the legislative body of any political subdivision and judges of the state Court of Claims are employees receiving one year of service credit for each one-year term served and prorated service credit for any partial term served, anything contained in this article to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided further, That only a compensated board member of a participating public employer appointed to a board of a nonlegislative body for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, who normally is required to work twelve months per year and one thousand forty hours of service per year is an employee. In any case of doubt as to who is an employee within the meaning of this article, the board of trustees shall decide the question;

(12) "Employer error" means an omission, misrepresentation or violation of relevant provisions of the West Virginia Code or of the West Virginia Code of State Regulations or the relevant provisions of both the West Virginia Code and of the West Virginia Code of State Regulations by the participating public employer that has resulted in an underpayment or overpayment of

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Legislative Session: 2016(RS)

**LAST ACTION:** *Effective Ninety Days from Passage - (June 8, 2016)*

**SUMMARY:** Relating to state retirement systems

**LEAD SPONSOR:** [Folk](#)

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## SENATE BILL 89

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**Legislative Session:** 2021(RS)

**LAST ACTION:** [Effective Ninety Days from Passage - \(July 4, 2021\)](#)

**SUMMARY:** Exempting certain kindergarten and preschool programs offered by private schools from registration requirements

**LEAD SPONSOR:** [Roberts](#)

**SPONSORS:** [Rucker](#)

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- There is a presumption in favor of the validity of a record in the printed Acts of the Legislature, but this may be overcome by other evidence.
- The strongest presumption is in favor of *a bill that has been duly enrolled* and bears thereon evidence of the executive's action in regard to it. The proof furnished by the journals of the two houses in matters of procedure must be clear and conclusive to overcome this presumption. Anderson v. Bowen, 78 W. Va. 559, 89 S.E. 677 (1916) (emphasis added).

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- Charleston Nat'l Bank v. Fox, 119 W. Va. 438 (1937)
  - Syl. pt. 1, “The printed acts of the Legislature are presumed to be valid enactments. Where, however, there is a variance between a printed act and the enrolled bill, the enrolled bill controls. \* \* \* Nevertheless, an authenticated enrolled bill is not a verity precluding question, and the presumption in its favor may be overcome by clear and convincing proof.”
  - Syl. pt. 4, “On inquiry, whether an act has been properly enacted, this Court will take judicial notice of the records of the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State, and clerks of both the Senate and House of Delegates.”

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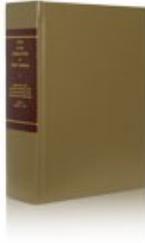
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## Example:

In 2019, two bills created new articles in the Code. HB 2446 created a “Blue Alert Plan.” SB 237 created the “Missing Persons Act.”

Both used §15-3C-1 *et seq.* for the new laws and these citations still appear in the Enrolled Bills for each.

In the Acts, the Clerk renumbered the Missing Persons Act to use §15-3D-1 *et seq.*

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CHAPTER 224

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 237 - By Senators Jeffries, Cline and Baldwin)

[Passed March 5, 2019; in effect ninety days from passage.]  
[Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2019.]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §15-3D-1, §15-3D-2, §15-3D-3, §15-3D-4, §15-3D-5, §15-3D-6, §15-3D-7, and §15-3D-8, all relating generally to missing and unidentified persons investigations; establishing a short title; declaring legislative findings; defining terms; detailing actions that must be taken by law-enforcement agencies following the receipt of a missing persons complaint and during a missing persons investigation; detailing actions that must be taken by medical examiners and law-enforcement agencies related to identification of human remains; requiring the timely notification to family members of identification of human remains; requiring submission of information to certain national and state databases; and creating a misdemeanor offense of knowingly and willfully filing a false missing persons report with a law-enforcement agency.

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

**ARTICLE 3D. MISSING PERSONS ACT.**

**§15-3D-1. Short title.**

1 This article shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 Missing Persons Act.

**§15-3D-2. Findings.**

1 The Legislature finds that:

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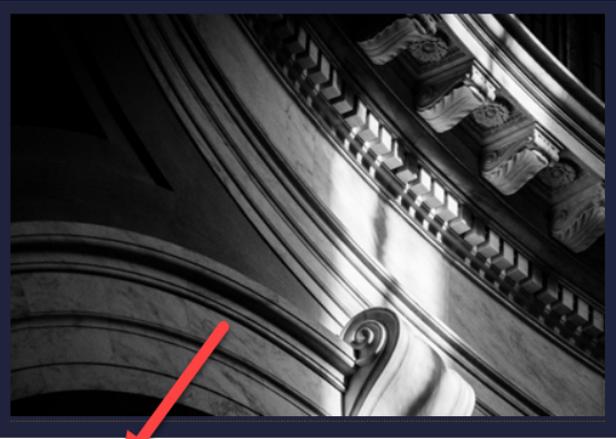
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## **FORTY-THIRD DAY**

[MR. SPEAKER, MR. ARMSTEAD, IN THE CHAIR]

The House of Delegates met at 11:00 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable Tim Armstead, Speaker.

Prayer was offered and the House was led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Tuesday, February 20, 2018, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

### **Committee Reports**

Delegate Shott, Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration:

**H. B. 4214**, Increasing penalties for unlawfully possessing or digging ginseng.

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, with a new title, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4214** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §19-1A-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend and reenact §61-3-35 of said code, all relating to ginseng; requiring a dealer to keep a photocopy of a valid identification card of all persons involved in a purchase or sale of ginseng, increasing civil and criminal penalties for violations of uncertified ginseng,"

And,

**H. B. 4546**, Relating to where an application for a marriage license may be made,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, with a new title, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4546** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §48-2-102 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to where marriage license applicants may apply for a marriage license in this state,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass.

# Accessing the Bound Journals

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# Accessing the Bound Journals

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## PUBLICATIONS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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### WEST VIRGINIA BLUE BOOK



Published each year, the Blue Book is an extensive guide containing information on current officials in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government; federal officers, including the president, congressional representatives and judges; and, political leaders, including party committee chairs and members. The books, published in odd-numbered years and the 2000 edition, include photographs and biographies of these officials. This publication also contains information on state and federal agencies; postal information; the Constitutions of the United States and West Virginia; and, considerable information on counties, municipalities and various organizations.

#### 2015-2016 BLUE BOOK

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# What is the “Appendix to the Journal”?

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**APPENDIX**

**SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS**

REMARKS  
of  
**HON. MIKE PUSHKIN**  
*January 11, 2018*

DELEGATE PUSHKIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We've all heard and seen the news stories about the extravagant, irresponsible spending that's been going on over on the third floor of the east wing in this building from the Supreme Court of Appeals. Thirty-five ... we've all heard about the \$35,000 couch, you know, the floor with the map of West Virginia with each county laid out tile by tile, of Tucker County in blue granite. We've heard about the Cass Gilbert desk that's made its way into the home office of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

For a minute, I'd like you to juxtapose that against some of the cuts that have come under this Chief Justice. The vital functions of the court cuts to drug court that we know has not only saved lives and saved families all over West Virginia, but has also saved taxpayer dollars. Cuts to guardian ad litem programs to look out for children. Cuts to the sex offender monitoring program which has been moved over to probation offices that, from what I'm told, work from nine to five and I can tell you predators don't take nights and weekends off. Cuts to all these vital programs.

I can tell you, the biggest casualty in all of this is public trust and confidence in the Judiciary has eroded throughout this whole thing. And in op-eds and in statements to the press, all we've gotten so far from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is a shift of the blame. He wants to blame it on the former administrator. He has taken no responsibility and no accountability for what has gone on under his watch and in his office and in his home while he's been Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

So, I believe it's our Constitutional responsibility as an equal branch of government to be that check against the irresponsible activities gone on under this court. So, I have drafted and I'm going to

investigate and report back recommendations on whether or not the impeachment of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Allen Loughry, would be an appropriate course of action to take. That's our responsibility: to investigate, look into it and to report back whether or not we should move forward, whether or not we should move forward with an impeachment process.

I'll be here after floor session today, if anyone would care to sign on to this, be a co-sponsor of this resolution. I can tell you a couple of the rules that I believe might have been violated from the Code of Judicial Conduct. Rule 1.2 would just simply avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety. I think there is definitely an appearance of impropriety. Rule 3.1(E) which forbids making use of court premises, which includes staff ... which includes staff for duties outside of their scope, outside of the court. Like, for example, moving furniture.

And Rule 3.13, a judge shall not accept any gifts, loans, requests, benefits, or other things of value. You know, like a leather sofa that was in his office and is now ... was now in his home and now in a storage facility in Kanawha City. So, I'm asking for us ... that we consider doing our job as an equal branch of government and, being that, check against the Judicial Branch and hopefully restore the confidence and the trust in the Judiciary that is very necessary in our state and I think that we owe that to the taxpayers of West Virginia. I'll be here if anyone would like to sign on to that resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**REMARKS MADE DURING THE XIV  
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

REMARKS  
of  
**MEMBERS**  
*January 17, 2018*

DELEGATE BUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't plan this. On the occasion of my wife coming in to sing, which she's done, I think, every year since I've been here, at least one time. I just want to share just a brief story. I know it's Friday and everyone wants to get out

The Appendix is much like it sounds. It is additional material to be added to the official journal and it is only available in the yearly Bound Journals. There is no appendix with each daily journal.

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# What is the “Appendix to the Journal”?

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## HOUSE JOURNALS



Published daily, this is the official record of the proceedings that take place each day while the House of Delegates is in session. The Journal follows the Order of Business and details floor actions on any legislation up for introduction, amendment or passage. In addition, the results of all roll call votes are shown. The [House Daily Journals](#) are available online.

### HOUSE BOUND JOURNAL

[House Journal, 2018, Volume 1](#)

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The Appendix comes at the very end of the Journal for a given year. So, if you see a couple of volumes for a given year, you will have to go to the last volume to find the Appendix.

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## REMARKS MADE DURING THE XIV ORDER OF BUSINESS

REMARKS  
of  
MEMBERS  
*January 22, 2018*

DELEGATE MOYE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you all for your attention today. For years our public employees: teachers, service personnel and public folks who work for DOH and DHHR, they work for low wages, typically low wages. That's not a secret to any of us, but they had decent benefits. That made it worthwhile to them. That gave them the incentive to stay in their jobs and work for lower wages in our state. That's not had no pay increases for a long time

In the Appendix, you can find transcriptions of speeches provided by members. Remember these are only included by motion. Not every speech or comment is recorded.

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## SCHEDULE INFORMATION

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Meetings may be delayed, please check back frequently for availability.

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Committee Room 208W



Committee Room 451M

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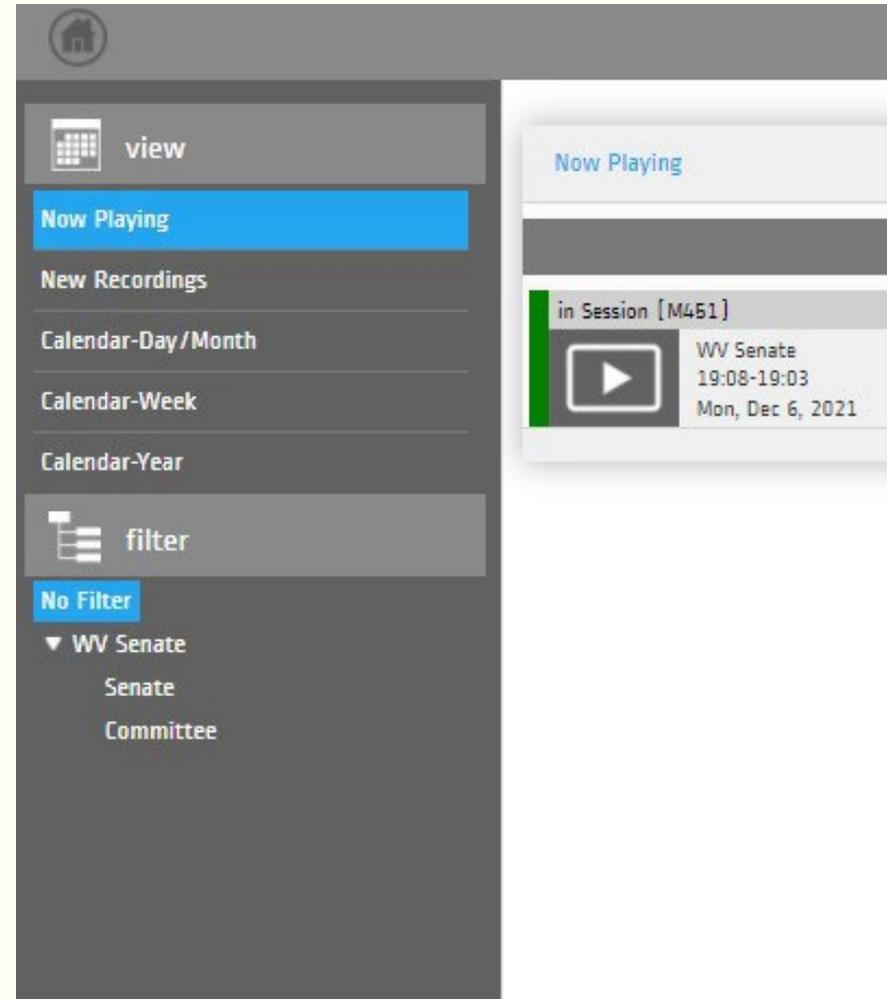
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# Video Archives of Senate Proceedings

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## Discrepancies in Bills and the Acts of the Legislature

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### Be Wary of Two Gotchas in Code Section Numbering

- Section citations may be renumbered by the House Clerk after passage to eliminate conflicts in numbering.
- Section numbers – even entire article sequences – may be reused over time.

### Not All Bills Amend the Code

Some bills amend other acts or bills.

## We Continue to Develop the Website

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- Inclusion of Section Renumbering Information.
- Links to West Virginia Supreme Court opinions referencing sections of the Code.
- Adding data from earlier years.
- New design is pending.
- Additional proofing, error–checking, and quality control processes.

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Thank you for your attention and  
participation!

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