

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

**House Bill 4780**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Delegate Street

[Introduced January 23, 2026; referred to the

Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
2 designated §54-2-22, relating to eminent domain; establishing additional fees; and  
3 clarifying the fee requirements.

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

**ARTICLE 2. PROCEDURE.**

**§54-2-22. Additional fees for eminent domain proceedings.**

1 Upon an order being entered on the value being paid to a landowner during an eminent  
2 domain proceeding, any entity, private or government, shall pay an additional fee of 15% of the  
3 court ordered value to the county or counties where the property is being taken. This fee is in  
4 addition to other costs to the entity condemning the land and shall not reduce the amount paid to  
5 the landowner. The additional fee shall be used by said county only for acquisition of additional  
6 public forests, parks, recreation facilities, and improvements to the same.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a fee to be paid to counties when property is taken under eminent domain and to establish how those funds can be spent.

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