

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4608**

By Delegates Hornby and Ridenour

Introduced January 20, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on Education then the Judiciary

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,  
 2 designated §3-13-1, §3-13-2, and §3-13-3, relating to the creation of the School Board  
 3 Election Date Act.

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

**ARTICLE 13. THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DATE ACT.**

**§3-13-1. Date of school board elections.**

1 (a) The date of a school district's election for members of its board of education shall be  
 2 held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, simultaneously with the general  
 3 election.

4 (b) Replacement of school board members who resign or die shall be according to §18-5-2  
 5 of this code.

**§3-13-2. Alphabetical listing of school board candidates.**

1 For the election of school board members, the names of all filed candidates shall be listed  
 2 alphabetically.

**§3-13-3. Severability.**

1 If any provision of this chapter, or the application of any provision to any person or  
 2 circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this chapter and the application of its  
 3 provisions to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the creation of the School Board Election Date Act.

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