

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 4679

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and Horst

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

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding three new sections,
 2 designated §7-28-1, §7A-9-1, and §8-40-1, relating to county commissions and officers,
 3 consolidated local government, and municipal corporations; and prohibiting counties,
 4 towns, and municipalities from using tax money to hire lobbyists to represent the counties,
 5 towns, and municipalities at state level.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

CHAPTER 7. COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND OFFICERS.

ARTICLE	28.	IMPERMISSIBLE	LOBBYING.
<u>§7-28-1.</u>	<u>Ban</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>taxpayer-funded</u>
			<u>lobbying</u>
			<u>at</u>
			<u>state</u>
			<u>level.</u>

1 No county commission may use monies from taxes collected to pay for the services of a
 2 lobbyist to represent the county at the state level.

CHAPTER 7A. CONSOLIDATED LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

ARTICLE	9.	IMPERMISSIBLE	LOBBYING.
<u>§7A-9-1.</u>	<u>Ban</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>taxpayer-funded</u>
			<u>lobbying</u>
			<u>at</u>
			<u>state</u>
			<u>level.</u>

1 No governing body of any consolidated local government may use monies from taxes
 2 collected to pay for the services of a lobbyist to represent the consolidated local government at the
 3 state level.

CHAPTER 8. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

ARTICLE	40.	IMPERMISSIBLE	LOBBYING.
<u>§8-40-1.</u>	<u>Ban</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>taxpayer-funded</u>
			<u>lobbying</u>
			<u>at</u>
			<u>state</u>
			<u>level.</u>

1 No governing body of any municipality, town, village, city, or other municipal corporation
 2 may use monies from taxes collected to pay for the services of a lobbyist to represent the
 3 municipal corporation at the state level.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit counties, towns, and municipalities from using tax money to hire lobbyists to represent the counties, towns, and municipalities at state level.

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