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Senate Bill 552- Requires contracts of \$25,000 or more to be competitively bid. This bill has passed the Senate and is currently before House Government Organization.

Senate Bill 804- This supplemental appropriation bill is to supplement, amend, and increase items of appropriation in the aforesaid account for the designated spending unit for expenditure during the fiscal year 2020. This bill is currently before Senate Finance.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 576- Updates and streamlines the Records Management and Preservation Act to reflect current and modern practices of storing and destroying public records. The bill repeals the formal advisory committee and the requirement that the administrator store agencies' essential records. The bill provides agencies more authority to make decisions for storage of, formats and destruction of the agencies' records rather than the administrator. The bill requires agencies to appoint someone within the agency to serve as an agency records manager. This bill has passed Senate and is currently before House Government Organization.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2961 - Permits the commissioner to require a water supply system be equipped with a backflow prevention assembly; requiring the appropriate water utility to install the backflow prevention assembly at the meter; requiring the appropriate water utility to maintain the backflow prevention assembly; and requiring the water utility to provide information relating to maintenance and necessity for any backflow prevention assembly. This bill has passed the House and is currently before Senate Transportation,



Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 589 - Authorizes the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council to direct the Water Development Authority to make loans or grants to address critical needs in water and sewer systems around the state from moneys allocated from the excess lottery funds. This bill has passed the

Senate and currently before House Technology Infrastructure.
CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS BILL!!!



House Bill 4853 - Prohibits a non-investor-owned water or sewer public utility from prohibiting customers from constructing, installing, or maintaining a connection or other infrastructure necessary for the customer to connect to the public utility to receive service. This bill is currently on first reading on the House Special Calendar. **Please contact your Delegate and**

Senator to let them know your opposition to the bill!!!

Senate Bill 739- Provides the commission with authority to order the acquisition of failing utilities and a variety of tools to assist distressed and failing utilities; allow for an acquiring utility to recover costs associated with the acquisition of a failing utility and any costs associated with the repair, replacement or improvement of the failing utility facilities; allow for profit entities to receive below market loans from the Water Development Authority to repair, replace and improve failing utilities; provide for grants up to 100 percent of the cost of repair, replacement, debt repayment, grant repayment, and improvement of a failing utility by a nonprofit public utility. This bill is currently before Senate Government Organization.

House Bill 4869 - Requires a public entity accepting a bid on a public contract to notify all municipalities and counties in which the contractor or any of its subcontractors will be performing services under the contract of the existence of the contract. This bill is currently before House Political Subdivisions.

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 = legislative session = legislative landmark

STATE HOLIDAYS (WV Code §2-2-1)

- 01/01/2020 Wednesday.....New Year's Day
- 01/20/2020 Monday.....Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 02/17/2020 Monday.....President's Day
- 05/12/2020 Tuesday.....Primary Election Day
- 05/25/2020 Monday.....Memorial Day
- 06/19/2020 Friday.....West Virginia Day (observed)
- 07/03/2020 Friday.....Independence Day (observed)
- 09/07/2020 Monday.....Labor Day
- 10/12/2020 Monday.....Columbus Day
- 11/03/2020 Tuesday.....General Election Day
- 11/11/2020 Wednesday.....Veterans Day
- 11/26/2020 Thursday.....Thanksgiving Day
- 11/27/2020 Friday.....Lincoln's Day
- 12/25/2020 Friday.....Christmas Day

2020 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

- First Day - January 8, 2020:** First day of session. (WV Const. Art. VI, §18)
- Twentieth Day - January 27, 2020:** Submission of Legislative Rule-Making Review bills due. (WV Code §29A-3-12)
- Thirty-fifth Day - February 11, 2020:** Last day to introduce bills in the House. (House Rule 91a) Does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriation bills. Does not apply to House resolutions or concurrent resolutions.
- Forty-first Day - February 17, 2020:** Last day to introduce bills in the Senate. (Senate Rule 14) Does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriation bills. Does not apply to Senate resolutions or concurrent resolutions.
- Forty-seventh Day - February 23, 2020:** Bills due out of committees in house of origin to ensure three full days for readings.
- Fiftieth Day - February 26, 2020:** Last day to consider bill on third reading in house of origin. Does not include budget or supplementary appropriation bills. (Joint Rule 5, paragraph b)
- Sixtieth Day - March 7, 2020:** Adjournment at Midnight. (WV Const. Art. VI, §22)

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