

# Legislative



# Update

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## 35th Annual Training and Technical Conference August 15-19, 2020 Snowshoe, WV

### Senate Bill 31 -

Opens an enrollment period of 11 months in which certain members of the Public Employees Retirement System may purchase previously forfeited service credit. This bill passed Senate Pensions and is currently before Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill 58** - Requires all applications for a proposed major source or major modification to an air quality permit and permit requests in the NPDES program to be required to have a public meeting in the community where the action will take place. The bill is currently before Senate Energy, Industry and Mining.

**Senate Bill 118** - Modifies the procedure certain public agencies must take in order to contract for certain architectural and engineering services. The bill requires joint discussions with prospective architectural or engineering firms in certain situations. The bill permits contract proposals with a fee for service from the firms. The bill replaces the single entity negotiations with a competitive low bid process. The bill allows for the public agency to reject all proposed contracts and seek proposals from additional firms. This bill is currently before Senate Government Organization.

**Senate Bill 551** - Enacts the Water and Wastewater Investment Facilitation Act. This act (i) expand the uses to which a municipality that sells or leases a municipal gas, electric, water, wastewater, or other public utility may apply the proceeds of any such sale or lease, (ii) establish a process to recognize the appropriate value of a selling utility's assets to be included in the calculation of an acquiring utility's post-acquisition rate base for rate making purposes, and (iii) authorize water and wastewater utilities owned by a single entity to combine water and wastewater revenue requirements or allocate a portion of the wastewater revenue requirement to water customers. This bill is currently before Senate Government Organization.

**House Bill 2898** - Prohibits public utilities from estimating customers' utility bills. This bill is currently before House Judiciary.



**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 is currently before House Technology and Infrastructure and has been placed in a Sub Committee made up of Delegate Fast, Delegate Hanson and Delegate Hardy. **Please contact your representatives we oppose this bill!!!!**

**House Bill 3049** - Provides more immediate dissemination of boiled water advisories through local health departments and local emergency management 911 answering points, and directly to interested customers. This bill is currently before House Health and

**House Bill 3075** - Terminates the Public Service Commission. This bill is currently before House Judiciary.

**House Bill 4154** - Provides for the election and removal of public service commissioners, setting terms of office for the commissioners. The bill removes the requirement that at least one commissioner be an attorney and removes the prohibition that no more than two commissioners be from the same political party. This bill is currently before House Government Organization.



# West Virginia Legislature

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  = payday      = holiday

  = 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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