

# Legislative



# Update

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**WEST VIRGINIA  
RURAL WATER  
ASSOCIATION**

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

**Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 551** - Enacts the Water and Wastewater Investment Facilitation Act. This act (i) Expands 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) establishes 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) authorizes 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. The bill has passed the Senate and currently waiting on the House to receive the message.

**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 613 similar to House Bill 4401-** Establishes the State Resiliency Office and State Resiliency Officer. Senate bill 613 is currently before Senate Government Organization and House Bill 4401 is currently before House Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

**Senate Bill 679-** Creates the Clean Drinking Water Act of 2020. The bill directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources to propose maximum contaminant levels or treatment techniques for certain PFAS pollutants. The bill creates the West Virginia PFAS Action Response Team to act as an advisory body within the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill sets forth the team's responsibilities and powers. The bill requires facilities using certain PFAS chemicals to report their use. The bill sets forth other duties of those facilities. The bill requires the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to propose updates to the numeric Public Water Supply human health criteria. The bill requires the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources to, individually and together, promulgate legislative rules. This bill is currently before Senate Judiciary.

**House Bill 4458** - Requires state agencies to publish and maintain state grant opportunities and awards on their websites. The bill is currently before House Government Organization.

**House Bill 4461-** Requires the Governor to fix the salaries of the state appointed officers after the office is vacated or after July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first. This bill is currently before House Finance.

**House Bill 4485** - Reorganizes and re-designate the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety as the Department of Homeland Security and designate the Department of Homeland Security as the State Administrative Agency for homeland security and emergency management grants. The bill also establishes the powers and duties of the Secretary of Homeland Security; removes the Adjutant General's Office, State Armory Board, and Military Awards Board from the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety; clarifies the agencies established within the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety; and re-designates the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as the Division of Emergency Management.

**House Bill 4587** - Modernizes the Public Service Commission's regulation of solid waste motor carriers and solid waste facilities. This bill is currently before House Government Organization.

**House Bill 4606** - Allows untested specialty classifications to be listed on a person's contractor license, with no limitation as to the number of classifications. 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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