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Senate Bill 159 - Allows municipalities to let contracts for projects without competitive bidding when the value is \$50,000 or less. This bill is currently before Senate Government Organization.

Senate Bill 202- Allows one member of a public district service board to be a county commissioner of the county commission with authority to appoint the members of the board, regardless of whether the commissioner resides within the district. This bill is currently before Senate Government Organization.

Senate Bill 240 - Requires restaurants and other commercial food service establishments that use grease traps that are outdoors or are in areas that are accessible to members of the general public to be designed to withstand expected loads and prevent access by children. This bill is currently before Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill 576 - Update and streamline 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 is currently before Senate Government Organization.



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 is currently before Senate Transportation and Infrastructure. **Please contact your representatives and support this bill!!!**

House Bill 2334 - Establishes industrial water extraction fees. The bill places a penny fee on every gallon of water extracted for industrial use. The bill places an additional penny fee on every gallon of water extracted for industrial use that is transported over state roads. The bill requires measuring of water withdrawals by a specified method. The bill defines terms and provides rule-making authority. This bill is currently before House Energy.



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 3092 - Creates and implement the West Virginia Business Ready Sites Program. This bill is currently before House Government Organization.

House Bill 4087 - Allows access to the Department of Environmental Protection's electronic submission system by all persons, as well as multiple persons involved in the submission of a specific application or other project by those persons involved in the project. This bill is currently before House Government Organization.

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.

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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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