

Legislative

Issue VI February 28, 2020



**WEST VIRGINIA
RURAL WATER
ASSOCIATION**

Every drop counts.

Update

To view an up to date bill listing online, visit our web site or if you are receiving this newsletter electronically, click on this link:

http://www.wvrwa.org/legislative/wv_legislative.aspx



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



Engrossed 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. The Senate amended the bill so that a public service director board member's seat has to be vacant for more than a year before a county commissioner can be seated. This bill is currently on second reading on the House Special Calendar.

Committee Substitute for 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 on second reading on the House Special Calendar.

Committee Substitute for 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 ratemaking 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 has passed the Senate and is currently before House Finance.

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 is currently before House Technology and Infrastructure.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 3049- Provides for 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 has passed the House and is currently before House Health and Human Resources.

House Bill 4396 - Adds the Commission on Special Investigations and the State Auditor to the agencies that county and municipal governments must report suspected governmental fraud. This bill has passed the House and is currently before Senate Government Organization.

Committee Substitute for 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 has passed the House and been communicated to the Senate

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4587- Modernizes the Public Service Commission's regulation of solid waste motor carriers and solid waste facilities. This bill has passed the House and been communicated to the Senate.

Committee Substitute for 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 Has passed the House and is currently before Senate Transportation and Infrastructure. **Please contact your Senator to let them know your opposition to the bill!!**



West Virginia Legislature

2020



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)

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4							1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

MAY							JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4							1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
31																					30	31					

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

= payday
 = holiday

= legislative session
 = legislative landmark

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

WEST VIRGINIA
 RURAL WATER
 ASSOCIATION
 100 YOUNG STREET
 SCOTT DEPOT, WV 25560
 1-800-339-4513
 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Presort Standard
 US Postage
 PAID
 Permit No. 1041
 Chas, WV 25311