

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Charleston, WV 25305

May 12, 2009

The Honorable Richard Thompson  
Speaker  
West Virginia House of Delegates  
State Capitol  
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Speaker Thompson:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2926.

Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2926 relates, in part, to the creation of a procedure for challenging a county commission candidate's qualifications to hold elected office. I have no objection to the policy behind this Bill. However, an erroneous cross-reference within section fifteen, article one, chapter seven of the Bill would, upon approval, create some ambiguity as to the Bill's application. The cross-reference at issue refers to a candidate for the office of a county commission as someone whose nomination has been certified and filed pursuant to article five, chapter seven of the West Virginia Code. Unfortunately, this cross-reference is a typographical error; the cross-reference should read article five, chapter three.

For this reason, I must veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2926. Nevertheless, I would ask the Legislature to reconsider the Bill and return it for my approval.

Very truly yours,

JOE MANCHIN, III  
*Governor.*