

Senate Bill No. 188

(By Senators Sypolt and Hall)

[Introduced January 18, 2011; referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §5A-6B-1, §5A-6B-2, §5A-6B-3, §5A-6B-4 and §5A-6B-5, all relating to the West Virginia Geographical Information System.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated §5A-6B-1, §5A-6B-2, §5A-6B-3, §5A-6B-4 and §5A-6B-5, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6B. WEST VIRGINIA GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM.

§5A-6B-1. Findings and purpose.

That the Legislature finds and declares that computerized geographical information systems technology and the management and sharing of information about the state's natural and cultural resources is essential to finding practical solutions to good, efficient and effective governance. That Executive Order 4-93 recognized the West Virginia Geographical Information System Policy Council to oversee the implementation of the State GIS Development

1 Plan by the appointment of a state GIS Coordinator, the appointment
2 of a steering committee to coordinate the technical aspects of the
3 plan, the development of a GIS users group to educate, train and
4 exchange information among GIS users and to create a GIS Technical
5 Center in cooperation with West Virginia University.

6 **§5A-6B-2. Definitions.**

7 (a) "GIS Plan" means the Geographical Information System Plan.

8 (b) "Chief Technology Officer" means the person defined in
9 article six, chapter five-a of this code.

10 (c) "GIS Users Group" includes the West Virginia Association
11 of Geospatial Professionals and other groups or individuals that
12 educate, train, and exchange information among GIS users.

13 (d) "Geological and Economic Survey" means the entity provided
14 in article two, chapter twenty-nine of this code.

15 (e) "Geospatial" means a combination of spatial software and
16 analytical methods of terrestrial or geographic data sets.

17 (f) "GIS Technical Center" means the state GIS Technical Center
18 in the Department of Geology and Geography at West Virginia
19 University.

20 **§5A-6B-3. GIS Users Group Contribution to GIS Plan.**

21 Within the framework of the Chief Technology Officer's
22 Information Technology Plan, the Office of the state GIS
23 Coordinator, the Office of the state Geological and Economic Survey
24 and the West Virginia Geographical System Information Policy
25 Council, GIS Users Groups including, but not limited to, the West

1 Virginia Association of Geospatial Professionals, are recognized to
2 assist the development of the state Geographic Information System
3 Plan.

4 **§5A-6B-4. Security of government information.**

5 The Chief Technology Officer shall ensure the security of all
6 government information and the data communications infrastructure
7 from unauthorized uses, intrusions or other security threats.

8 **§5A-6B-5. Legislative rules.**

9 The Statewide GIS Coordinator in consultation with the Chief
10 Technology Officer shall propose legislative rules for legislative
11 promulgation, in accordance with the provisions of article three,
12 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, as may be necessary to
13 standardize and make effective the provisions of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to recognize GIS User
Groups such as the West Virginia Association of Geospatial
Professionals to assist the development of the state GIS plan.

This article is new; therefore, strike-throughs and
underscoring have been omitted.