

H. B. 2697

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Committee on Political Subdivisions then the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §8-9-3 of the Code of West Virginia,
1931, as amended, relating to updating the recordkeeping
requirements of municipalities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §8-9-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 9. PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNING BODIES.

§8-9-3. Governing body to keep records; minutes of proceedings; voting.

- 1 The governing body of ~~every~~ a municipality shall ~~cause~~
- 2 ~~to be kept, in a well-bound book,~~ keep an accurate record of

3 all of its proceedings, ordinances, orders, bylaws, acts,
4 resolutions and rules ~~and regulations~~ which shall be fully
5 indexed and open to inspection. ~~by anyone who is required to~~
6 ~~pay taxes to such municipality.~~

7 At each meeting of the governing body, a journal of the
8 proceedings of the last meeting shall be read, and corrected,
9 if erroneous, and signed by the presiding officer: ~~for the time~~
10 ~~being~~ *Provided*, That the reading of the journal of the
11 proceedings of the last meeting may be dispensed with by
12 majority vote of the governing body if the members ~~thereof~~
13 have received and examined a copy or synopsis of the journal
14 ~~or a synopsis thereof~~ prior to the meeting at which the journal
15 is signed. ~~Upon the call of~~ Any member may request the
16 yeas and nays be taken on any question ~~shall be taken~~ and
17 recorded in the journal.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to update the recordkeeping requirements of municipalities.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.