Senate Bill No. 7 1 2 (By Senators Snyder, Laird and Miller) 3 4 [Introduced January 8, 2014; referred to the Committee on Rules.] 5 6 7 8 9 A BILL to amend and reenact \$4-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 10 1931, as amended, relating to the composition of the Joint 11 Committee on Government and Finance. 12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: That \$4-3-1\$ of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be1.3 14 amended and reenacted to read as follows: 15 ARTICLE 3. JOINT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE. 16 §4-3-1. Continued as statutory body; composition; appointment and 17 terms of members. 18 The Joint Committee on Government and Finance, heretofore 19 existing under a joint rule of the Senate and House of Delegates, 20 is hereby continued as a statutory body. This committee shall be 21 composed of seven eight members of the Senate, six seven of whom 22 shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, and seven eight 23 members of the House of Delegates, six seven of whom shall be

1 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The six seven 2 members appointed by the President of the Senate shall include the 3 majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, 4 the chairman of the Senate committee on the judiciary, and the 5 chairman of the Senate committee on finance and the Senate chairman 6 of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee. The six seven 7 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall 8 include the majority leader of the House of Delegates, the minority 9 leader of the House of Delegates, the chairman of the House 10 Committee on the judiciary, and the chairman of the House Committee 11 on finance, and the House chairman of the Legislative Rule-Making 12 Review Committee. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of 13 the House of Delegates shall be members of the committee and 14 cochairmen thereof. Not more than five members of the committee 15 from each house shall be members of the same political party: 16 Provided, That in the event the membership of a political party is 17 less than fifteen percent in the House of Delegates or Senate, then 18 the membership of that political party from the legislative house 19 with less than fifteen percent membership may be one from that The members shall serve until their successors shall have 21 been appointed as heretofore provided.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is increase the membership of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to include the House and Senate chairs of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee.

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