

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 40**

BY SENATOR STOLLINGS

[Introduced January 13, 2016;

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §29-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to modifying funding assistance from Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority; and  
 3 changing definition of facilities that are eligible for funding assistance from courthouse  
 4 facilities that are occupied by county or judicial officials to ones that are currently owned  
 5 and occupied by those officials or upon renovation will be owned and occupied by those  
 6 officials.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §29-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA COURTHOUSE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT  
 AUTHORITY.**

**§29-26-2. Definitions.**

1 The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this article, have the following  
 2 meanings:

3 (a) "Approved modifications or construction of courthouse facilities" means any  
 4 modification or construction of a courthouse facility which has been recommended for assistance  
 5 by the authority according to the requirements of section four of this article;

6 (b) "Authority" means the West Virginia Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority;

7 (c) "Cost" means the cost of construction, renovation, repair and safety upgrading of  
 8 courthouse facilities; the cost of land, equipment, machinery, furnishings, installation of utilities  
 9 and other similar items convenient in connection with placing a courthouse facility in operation;  
 10 and the cost of financing, interest during construction, professional service fees and all other  
 11 charges or expenses necessary, appurtenant or incidental to the modification or construction of  
 12 a courthouse facility; and

13 (d) "Courthouse facility" means buildings or structures which are currently owned and

- 14 occupied, or upon renovation will be owned and occupied, exclusively by offices of county and  
15 judicial officials or by courtrooms, county jails or detention centers.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify funding assistance from the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority. The bill changes the definition of facilities that are eligible for funding assistance from courthouse facilities that are occupied by county or judicial officials to ones that are currently owned and occupied by those officials or upon renovation will be owned and occupied by those officials.

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