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Senate Bill 7

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §1-2-2a, relating to requiring the election by divisions in House of Delegates’
 3 districts that have two or more delegates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §1-2-2a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATION.

§1-2-2a. Divisions for multimember delegate districts.

1 Beginning with the 2018 elections, in every delegate district having two or more delegates
 2 there are numbered divisions corresponding to the number of delegates in each district. Each
 3 delegate shall be elected at large from the entire district. In each numbered division of a delegate
 4 district, the candidates for nomination or election shall be voted on and the votes cast for the
 5 candidates in each division shall be tallied separately from the votes cast for candidates in other
 6 numbered divisions within the district. The candidate receiving the highest number of the votes
 7 cast within a numbered division is nominated or elected, as the case may be.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require election by divisions in House of Delegates’ districts that have two or more delegates.

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