

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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**Introduced**

## **Senate Bill 518**

BY SENATORS HAMILTON, LINDSAY, AND BEACH

[Introduced January 16, 2020; referred  
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 §3-10-5a, relating to requiring one-year residency within the district or county  
 3 prior to appointment to fill a vacancy to a seat in the Legislature.

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

**ARTICLE 10. FILLING VACANCIES.**

**§3-10-5a. Residency within district or county required for one year prior to appointment to  
 vacancy in State Legislature.**

1 No person shall be appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or as a member  
 2 of the House of Delegates who has not for one year preceding the appointment been a resident  
 3 within the district or county he or she will represent.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to the require residency of a person within the district or county he or she will represent for one year prior to any appointment to a vacancy in the office of State Senator or as a member of the House of 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.