WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 4700

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Committee on the Judiciary]

- A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new
 sections, designated §3-5-6f and §3-5-6g, all relating to making certain officers of the
 courts elected as non-partisan; providing that the election of county prosecutors be non-
- 4 partisan; and providing that the election of circuit clerks be non-partisan.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND NOMINATING PROCEDURES.

§3-5-6f. Election of county prosecutors.

- 1 (a) An election for the purpose of electing a county prosecutor shall be held on the same
- 2 date as the primary election, as provided by law, upon a nonpartisan ballot printed for this
- 3 purpose.
- 4 (b) In case of a tie vote under this section, §3-6-12 of this code controls in breaking the tie
- 5 <u>vote.</u>

§3-5-6g. Election of circuit clerks.

- 1 (a) An election for the purpose of electing a county clerk shall be held on the same date
- 2 as the primary election, as provided by law, upon a nonpartisan ballot printed for this purpose.
- 3 (b) In case of a tie vote under this section, §3-6-12 of this code controls in breaking the tie
- 4 <u>vote.</u>

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make the election of country prosecutors and county clerks non-partisan.

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