

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 50

By Senator Hamilton

[Introduced January 11, 2023; 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.