

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENROLLED**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 649**

By Senators Blair (Mr. President), Trump, Rucker, and

Barrett

[Passed March 09, 2023; in effect 90 days from  
passage]

1 AN ACT to amend chapter 232, Acts of the Legislature, Regular Session 2008, by adding thereto a  
2 new section designated section six, relating to authorizing the Berkeley County Council to  
3 change its name to the Berkeley County Commission; providing that name change does  
4 not affect commission's powers, duties, or responsibilities, or number or terms of  
5 commission's members; and requiring public notice of council's intent to change its name.

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

**BERKELEY COUNTY COMMISSION.**

**§6. Name change to Berkeley County Commission.**

1 (a) The Berkeley County Council may, by a majority vote of the council, adopt a resolution  
2 that solely changes its name back to the Berkeley County Commission. The resolution shall not  
3 constitute a reformation, alteration, or modification of the form of county government. The council,  
4 upon changing its name, shall retain its powers, duties, and responsibilities as a county  
5 commission, as provided in the constitution and the general laws of this state. The change in the  
6 name of the council shall not affect or alter the number or terms of its members.

7 (b) At least 30 days prior to consideration of the resolution, the council shall give notice of  
8 the proposed change by publication of the intent to change its name in each weekly or daily  
9 newspaper as a Class II-0 legal advertisement in compliance with West Virginia Code §59-3-1 *et*  
10 *seq.*