



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 18, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on February 18, 2025, 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

Members present: Delegates Akers, Butler, Ferrell, Flanigan, Fluharty, Funkhouser, Hansen, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kelly, D., Kimble, Kump, Mallow, Marple, Phillips, Ridenour, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B., Zatezalo

Members absent: Delegates Martin, Maynor

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Mallow, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**House Joint Resolution 13**, Amending the Constitution to prohibit persons not United States citizens from voting in any election held within this state

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Mallow for purposes of making a motion. Delegate Mallow moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee substitute in lieu of the introduced version. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the committee substitute.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Mallow for purposes of making a motion.

Delegate Mallow moved to report Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution 13 to the floor with the recommendation that it be adopted, but that it first be referred to the committee on Rules. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the committee substitute will be reported as moved.

**House Bill 2363**, Clarifying the groups of persons to whom the criminal prohibitions related to child pornography are inapplicable when such persons are performing their official or employment duties

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Kelly as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the resolution. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Kelly. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Delegate Mallow the committee adjourned.

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Delegate JB Akers  
Chairman

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Mr. Daniel Osborne  
Senior Clerk