



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 28, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the House Judiciary Committee Room with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

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

Members absent: Delegates Butler, Fluharty.

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

On motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 2441, To make those who fail drug test ineligible for unemployment

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Maynor moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee substitute for the committee substitute of the bill. 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 of the committee substitute.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee substitute to the committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 2441 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. 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.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 2653, Updating the West Virginia Law Institute

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for House Bill 2653 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. 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 2683, To prohibit rank choice voting

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report House Bill 2683 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the bill will be reported as moved.

House Bill 2709, Permitting a voter with a change of address to vote in his or her new precinct without having to cast a provisional ballot

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report House Bill 2709 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. 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 bill will be reported as moved.

House Bill 2444, Relating to limiting financial records of limited video lottery permittees that are subject to examination by Lottery Commission

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor as a cosponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Vice-Chairman Maynor. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor the committee adjourned.

JB Akers
Committee Chair

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk