



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for March 17, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

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

Members absent: Delegates Martin, Roop.

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.

Chairman Akers recognized the clerk for purposes of receiving subcommittee reports:

The House Subcommittee on Courts has had under consideration House Bills 3271, 3272, 3274, and 3275 and reports the same back to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The House Subcommittee on Legal Services has had under consideration House Bills 2381 and 3016 and reports the same back to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

### **House Bill 2111**, Establishing the Uniform Mortgage Modification Act

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

### **House Bill 2381**, Relating to permitting a citizen of this state to vote in the election of a municipality in which the citizen does not reside

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Chiarelli as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Chiarelli regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Without objection and having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Ms. Michelle Holly, Clerk, Fayette County, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

### **House Bill 3271**, Authorizing digital court records

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Leavitt as a sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Leavitt regarding the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

**House Bill 3082**, Relating to requiring a parolee or probationer found to have suffered with addiction to participate in a support service

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Rohrbach as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Rohrbach regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Without objection and having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Ms. Liz Schindzielorz Policy Counsel, West Virginia Supreme Court, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

**House Bill 3272**, Relating to eviction proceedings

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Leavitt as a sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Leavitt regarding the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

**House Bill 3274**, Relating to reports of circuit court proceedings

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Leavitt as a sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Leavitt regarding the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

**House Bill 3275**, Update timing for appeals

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Leavitt as a sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Leavitt regarding the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

At this moment, Chairman Akers ceded the Chair to Vice-Chairman Maynor.

**House Bill 3305**, Changing the limit on switching parties before filing to run for office from 60 days to 180 days prior to an election

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Holstein as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Holstein regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Without objection and having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Mr. Brian Wood, Clerk, Putnam County, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

**Senate Bill XXXX**, Removing outdated provisions governing political committees

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

At this moment, Chairman Akers ceded the Chair to Vice-Chairman Maynor.

**House Bill 3338**, Allow child witness testify remotely in situations deemed traumatic by judge

Without objection, Chairman Maynor recognized Delegate Akers for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Maynor called for questions of Delegate Akers regarding the bill. Chairman Maynor advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

At this moment, Chairman Maynor ceded the Chair to Delegate Akers.

On Motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the committee adjourned.

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Delegate JB Akers  
Committee Chair

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Mr. Daniel Osborne  
Senior Clerk