



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for March 04, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 04, 2025, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Rucker, Woodrum, Barrett, Chapman, Charnock, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Maynard, Rose, Thorne, Willis, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Phillips

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

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Com. Sub. for S.B. 458 – Universal Professional and Occupational Licensing Act of 2025 Senator

Senator Woelfel requested unanimous consent to withdraw his second amendment proposed at prior meeting. No objection was heard, and the amendment was withdrawn. Carl Fletcher, Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the committee substitute for S.B. 458 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 492- Removing outdated provisions governing political committees

Carl Fletcher, Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 492 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 522- Clarifying procedure for administrative dissolution of limited liability companies by Secretary of State

Carl Fletcher, Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Donald "Deak" Kersey, Chief of Staff, Secretary of State's Office, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). Senator Willis moved to amend the bill. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 522 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. Pursuant to organizational rules, the committee will report the bill out as a committee substitute.

S.B. 525- Clarifying procedure for administrative dissolution of nonprofit corporations by the Secretary of State

Carl Fletcher, Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Willis moved to amend the bill. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 522 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. Pursuant to organizational rules, the committee will report the bill out as a committee substitute.

Com. Sub. For S.B. 485- Exempting the West Virginia Secretary of State from competitive bidding process

Carl Fletcher, Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the committee substitute for S.B. 485 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 564- Prohibiting voters not affiliated with major political party from voting ballot of political party in primary election

Carl Fletcher, Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Donald “Deak” Kersey, Chief of Staff, Secretary of State’s Office, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Eric Tarr, West Virginia Senator, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the S.B. 564 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Judiciary.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Patricia Puertas Rucker, Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk