



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for March 19, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on March 19, 2025, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Stuart, Willis, Azinger, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Helton, Rose, Rucker, Tarr, Taylor, Weld, Garcia

Members absent: Senator Martin

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

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

Chairman Stuart removed **S. B. 705** from the agenda.

### **S. JR. 13 - Constitutional Officer Term Limit Amendment.**

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the resolution and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Larry Pack, West Virginia State Treasurer, addressed the committee, and responded to questions.

Senator Garcia moved amend the resolution on page 1, line 22, by striking the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof "two".

Senator Garcia reformed the amendment to include term limit language set for the Governor. The same was put, the Chair being in doubt a division of the body was called, such demand was sustained. The vote being 5 in favor, 11 opposed, the amendment was rejected.

On motion of Senator Willis, the committee reported the joint resolution to the full Senate with the recommendation that it be adopted, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

### **S. B. 128 - Preventing courts from ordering services at higher rate than Medicaid.**

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

On motion of Senator Willis, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S. B. 595 - Creating Mountain Bike Responsibility Act.**

Joni Nichols, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Richie Heath, Executive Director, West Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Stuart, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

On motion of Senator Willis, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Willis the committee adjourned.



Michael B. Stuart  
Chair



Beverly Douglas  
Clerk/Analyst

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, in  
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I swear to tell the truth, nothing but the truth, under penalty of  
false swearing in a legislative proceeding, so help me God."

Richard Heath

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Michael B. Stuart

Print Member Name

Michael B. Stuart

Sign Member Name