



West Virginia House of Delegates
Subcommittee on Courts
Minutes for January 21, 2026, 9:45 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Courts met on January 21, 2026, 9:45 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Mallow, Shamblin, Flanigan, Fluharty, Funkhouser, Marple, Roop, Ward, B., Zatezalo.

Members absent: None.

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

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

Markup and Passage:

The committee considered House Bill 4477 - To give attorney general prosecutorial power over county and municipal elected officials for election fraud, corruption, etc. With leave of committee, Kim Mason, the Director of Investigations for the WV Secretary of State's Office was called to the podium. Ms. Mason was administered the oath by the Chairman, and questions by the committee followed. With leave of committee, Frank Hartman, representing the Prosecuting Attorney's Association, was called to the podium. Mr. Hartman was administered the oath by the Chairman and questions by the committee followed. On motion of Delegate Shamblin, the bill was amended. After explanation by counsel and questions, on motion of Delegate Shamblin, House Bill 4477, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings:

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4036 - Relating to stricter enforcement for parking in a handicapped designated spot. Vice-Chairman Shamblin recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Mallow, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, Vice-Chairman Shamblin advanced consideration to Markup and Passage.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4382 - Require collection agencies to provide 30 days' notice prior to wage garnishments. Chairman Mallow recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Burkhammer, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, Chairman Mallow advanced consideration to Markup and Passage.

On Motion of Delegate Shamblin the committee adjourned.

Phil Mallow
Committee Chair

Drew Constable
Clerk