



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Legal Services

Minutes for January 20, 2026, 10:15 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Legal Services met on January 20, 2026, 10:15 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Kimble, Butler, Flanigan, Fluharty, Hornby, Marple, Maynor, Ridenour, Roop.

Members absent: Delegates Holstein.

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

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

Markup and Passage:

The committee considered House Bill 4473 - Relating to the West Virginia Supreme Court's power to promulgate rules allowing for the limited practice of law by nonlawyers. After explanation by counsel and questions, Delegate Hornby moved the bill, a voice vote was taken and the Chair was in doubt, then division was called. With a vote of 3 ayes, 3 nays and 4 members absent or not voting, the Chair declared the motion failed.

The committee considered House Bill 4484 - To allow county commissions to have the same flexibility to sell or lease property as municipalities. On motion of Delegate Hornby, the bill was amended. After explanation by counsel and questions, on motion of Delegate Hornby, House Bill 4484, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings:

The committee took a brief recess due to the start of floor session and then resumed at approximately 11:35 am. The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4435 - Increasing the percentage of precincts to be audited during the election canvass. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Ridenour, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration to Markup and Passage. On Motion of Delegate Hornby the committee adjourned.

Laura Kimble
Committee Chair

Drew Constable
Clerk