



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Legal Services

Minutes for February 09, 2026, 10:15 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Legal Services met on February 09, 2026, 10:15 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: None.

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

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

Markup and Passage

The committee considered House Bill 4405 - Expanding the reasons that an executive director may create, merge, or dissolve a public defender corporation. Counsel explained the bill. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 4405 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered House Bill 4452 - To remove Mortmain restrictions on religious organizations. Counsel explained the bill. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 4452 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered House Bill 4638 - Relating to registration of voters and voluntary registration of organ donors. Counsel explained the bill. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 4638 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered House Bill 4546 - Require biennial reports for limited liability and foreign limited liability companies. The Chair noted that House Bill 4546 previously received a committee hearing on January 28 and was advanced to markup and discussion at that time, and that it was inadvertently listed on the agenda as a committee hearing instead of for markup and passage. On unanimous consent from the Vice Chair, the committee proceeded to consider House Bill 4546 for markup and discussion. Counsel explained the bill. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 4546 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4710 - Changing the limit on switching parties before filing to run for office from 60 days to 180 days prior to an election. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Holstein, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill

sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 4710 to the markup and discussion phase.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5166 - To provide notice to any political committees violating the filing requirements prior to assessing any civil fines and giving the Secretary of State authority to grant additional time for compliance not to exceed an additional 14 days. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Butler, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, Delegate Flanigan called David Cook with the WV Secretary of State's office, to provide testimony on the bill. Being previously sworn in before the committee, Mr. Cook proceeded and answered questions. The Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5166 to the markup and discussion phase.

On Motion of Delegate Holstein the committee adjourned.

Laura Kimble

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk