



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for January 27, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on January 27, 2026, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Willis, Bartlett, Azinger, Chapman, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Helton, Maynard, 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 Bartlett, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

S. B. 61 - Prohibiting acceptance of illegal ballots cast in any election.

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

With leave of the committee, David P. Cook, General Counsel, West Virginia Secretary of State, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Willis, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Weld the committee amended the committee substitute by replacing all references to precinct to polling location.

Senator Weld reformed his amendment to clarify that the replacements are only where the intent is to refer to a location.

The same was put, and the amendment was adopted.

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

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

S. B. 374 - Division of Economic Development rule relating to tourism development districts.

Debra Graham, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Wendy L. Greene, Deputy Director, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Willis, 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 Bartlett, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Bartlett the committee adjourned.



Thomas E. Willis II
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Clerk/Analyst

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 27th day of January, 2026, in
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

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

David P. Cook

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Thomas E. Willis II

Print Member Name

[Signature]

Sign Member Name

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Wendy L Greene
Print Witness Name

W L Greene
Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Thomas E. Willis II
Print Member Name

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'T E Willis II', written over a horizontal line.

Sign Member Name