

WVAR 2016 Legislative Tracking Sheet

Senate Bills

| Bill No. | Short Title | Description | History | Position |
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| SB 28 | County commission and municipality agreements in demolishing buildings unfit for habitation | The purpose of this bill is to authorize county commissions and municipalities to cooperate and enter into agreements removing or demolishing dwellings or buildings unfit for human habitation. | S GO | Review |
| SB 37 | Redistributing excise taxes to county where real property is situate | The purpose of this bill is to incrementally redistribute an existing excise tax on the transfer of real property so that, over the course of five years, all moneys collected will be paid to the county where the property is situate instead of the state. The bill requires that moneys paid to counties be exclusively dedicated to regional jails. The bill also makes stylistic changes. | S GO | Review |
| SB 54 | Altering how tax is collected on homeowners' associations | The purpose of this bill is to change the way taxes are collected from homeowner associations when homeowners' association dues, fees and assessments are used for common expenses. | S Fin | Review |
| SB 92 | Creating annual flood zone homestead property tax exemption | The purpose of this bill is to create a \$20,000 annual flood zone homestead property tax exemption for property owners residing on homestead properties in designated flood plains. | S Fin | Review |
| SB 93 | Requiring real property seller satisfy unpaid charges owed to county and municipality upon closing | The purpose of this bill is to require seller of real property to satisfy any unpaid charges to the county and municipality in which the property is located. This bill creates obligations for the seller, closing agent, and county or municipality to provide information necessary to accomplish this goal and creates liabilities for failure to comply. | S Jud | Review |
| SB 96 | Promoting energy efficiency improvements by real property owners | The purpose of this bill is to authorize local units of government to adopt local energy efficiency partnership programs and to create districts to promote the use of energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property; to provide for the financing of such programs through voluntary property assessments, commercial lending, and other means; to authorize a local unit of government to issue bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness and to pay the cost of energy efficiency improvements from the proceeds thereof; to provide for the repayment of bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness; to authorize certain fees; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain governmental officers and entities; and to provide remedies. | S EIM | Review |
| SB 131 | Allowing counties to impose additional property levies solely to fund public libraries | The purpose of this bill is to permit counties to impose an additional levy on property within the county for the sole purpose of funding public libraries. | S Ed | Lean oppose |
| SB 308 | Prohibiting members of Real Estate Commission from serving beyond appointed terms | The purpose of this bill is to prohibit members of the real estate commission from serving beyond the expiration of their appointed term and from being appointed to consecutive terms. | S GO | Oppose |
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House Bills

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| HB 2259 CO | Relating to the Governor filling vacancies on professional boards | The purpose of this bill is to require the Governor to make appointments within sixty days of the date a vacancy occurs on a professional board. The bill also provides that a person appointed to serve on a professional board is limited to eight years service. | H GO | Support |
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