

LEGISLATIVE LINEUP



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CCAWV's Legislative Agenda Moving...

Here is where our Agenda stands following cross-over day...SB 615 & SB 295 will move on! Please Help by calling your House of Delegates members for support!

--**SB 580** - 1% Sales Tax Authority for Counties – **Unfortunately we were unable to get this bill out of Senate Finance. We were told it is a tax issue.**

-- **SB 615** Local Government Salary Bill Mechanism – This bill passed the Senate! **Has been assigned to House Gov Org then Finance. Please call your Delegates for support in the House.....remember to tell them, this bill is about "Local Control" and no state funds involved!**

--**SB 618** Increasing the Roll-back Provision Maximum – As reported earlier, this bill died on 3rd reading on the Senate Floor with a tie-vote. ☹️

-- **SB 295** - Protection for Court Security Officers – **has passed the Senate and passed House Judiciary and is now on second reading on the House Floor!**

--**HB 3002** Expanding Authority for Disposal of County Property - **this bill died in House Gov Org**

-- **HB 2663** - Exempting Agriculture Buildings from County Building Code –**Passed the House Agriculture Committee. Died in House Gov Org**

Here are other bills that we are still following:

--HB 2967 A 10-yr. phase-in of permitting counties to retain all the excise tax on the transfer of property in the county where it is collected. Up for passage today in the House! – **CCAWV supports.**

--HB 2966 – County Budget Flexibility Act – **This bill is up for passage today in the House.**

--**HB 2673** – This bill will take about 1.5 mill from county oil and gas severance tax and dedicate it to DEP to plug orphaned wells. **It is assigned to Senate Energy then Finance Call Senators to Oppose!**

--SB 3 Establishing WV Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act – to House Technology & Infrastructure. **This bill is in House Judiciary today.**

--HJR 17 Business Inventory, Machinery and Equipment Tax Exemption Amendment – **This amendment is dead.**

--HJR 18 Property Tax Relief for Seniors and Disabled Veterans Amendment – **This amendment is dead.**

--SB 100 Increasing court fees to fund law enforcement standards training and expenses. **To House Finance**

--SB 117 Relating to incentives for consolidating local governments. **This bill died in House Gov Org**

--SB 147 Shifting funding from Landfill Closure Assistance Fund to local solid waste authorities. **To House Finance**

--SB 233 Age requirements for deputy sheriff. **To House Gov Org**

--SB 241 Permitting county court clerks with authorization from the county commission, scan certain documents in electronic form. **To House Gov Org**

--SB 261 Relating to number of magistrates serving each county. **To Senate Finance**

--SB 467 Clarifying PSC jurisdiction over water and sewer utilities. **Senate Gov Org amended the bill and removed the requirement for all counties to set rates. Those counties that currently have responsibility to set PSD rates will continue.** Language was added that requires rate-setting counties to give notice for any change in rates be provided by class I legal advertisement not less than a week before the public hearing by the commission required for the approval of the change in rates or charges. Further formal complaints based on the act or omission of the political subdivision must be filed with the Public Service Commission within 30 days, and they have 120 days to resolve the dispute. The bill is on Senate Floor for passage.

--HB 2190 Modifying bail requirements. **To Senate Judiciary**

--HB 2523 Increasing the amount of time a taxpayer has to seek relief from a county commission from an erroneous assessment from 1 year to 2 years. **This bill died in House Finance**

--HB 2600 Relating to publication of sample ballots. **To Senate Judiciary**

--HB 2625 Establishing reimbursement rates for congregate and in-home meals. Will help Seniors. **This bill died in House Finance, but we are hopeful it will be addressed in the State Budget.**

--HB 2692 Relating to primary elections and procedures. **This bill has been moved to the House Regular Calendar on second reading House Floor. If it stays on Regular House Calendar it will die, if moved to Special House Calendar it could still pass.**

--HB 2830 Establishing Next Generation 911 Services in this state. **To Senate Gov Org then Finance**

--HB 2958 Authorizing the State Auditor to conduct regular financial examinations or audits of all volunteer fire companies. **To Senate Gov Org**

Tomorrow I will send a complete list of bills that make it through Cross-Over Day! Watch for it!