





WEST VIRGINIA 83RD LEGISLATURE SCORECARD

Below are short descriptions of the bills that were used to determine the West Virginia Chamber's 83rd Legislature Scorecard. All of the bills listed below were supported by the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, with the exception of HB 4187, which was strongly opposed by the Chamber and its membership. Additionally, the vote recorded that was used to calculate a legislator's score was the final vote taken on that piece of legislation. Some bills were double-weighted due to being complex or controversial issues, and those bills have been noted as such. We hope this scorecard helps demonstrate how members of the West Virginia Legislature vote on issues that promote job creation and economic development.

2018 Votes

HB 4001 – This bill requires that able-bodied adults between the ages of 18-49, who do not care for dependents, are required to spend at least twenty hours per week at work, school, volunteering, performing community service, or actively seeking employment in order to qualify for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. This bill follows requirements set forth by federal law.

HB 4002 – Divides the West Virginia House of Delegates into 100 single-member districts following the 2020 census. The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce has long-championed this law as it ensures "one person one vote."

HB 4009 – This bill would have required that settlement funds secured by the West Virginia Attorney General's Office be appropriated by the West Virginia Legislature. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

HB 4013 – Prohibits out-of-state plaintiffs from filing a lawsuit in West Virginia unless the lawsuit cannot be filed anywhere else.

HB 4022 – Exempts the repair, remodeling and maintenance of certain aircraft from the Consumer Sales and Service Tax and Use Tax.

HB 4187 – This bill prevents a business from prohibiting firearms in locked vehicles on company property. The West Virginia Chamber strongly opposed this legislation as it infringes upon private property rights of employers and creates a new cause of action against businesses in the state. **This bill was double-weighted.**

HB 4187 Floor Amendment – This amendment would have exempted businesses that handle hazardous materials from HB 4187. The West Virginia Chamber supported this amendment. This vote was only taken by the House.

HB 4268 – The Co-Tenancy Modernization and Majority Protection Act provides much-needed updates to West Virginia's oil and gas co-tenancy laws. This bill will allow development of a piece of property if 75% of the property's ownership consents. It also ensured proper compensation to owners who objected or could not be located. **This bill was double-weighted.**

HB 4628 – This bill terminates the 9% surcharge on workers' compensation insurance premiums which are directed towards the Workers' Compensation Old Fund Debt, which was created in 2005 when the state's workers' compensation system was privatized. The Old Fund is now actuarially funded to pay all future claims.

SB 290 – This bill addresses the "netting" provisions for discharge permit limits for process and storm water.

SB 335 – This bill was the 2018 Paycheck Protection Act. It would have required employees to provide yearly written consent for items such as contributions to political action committees and union dues to be automatically deducted from paychecks. SB 335 passed the Senate but was not taken up in the House.

SB 341 – Would have established an intermediate appellate court in West Virginia. The West Virginia Chamber has long-supported the creation of this court, as it would add stability and predictability to the rule of law in the state. SB 341 passed the State Senate but was not taken up in the House of Delegates. **This bill was double-weighted.**

SB 474 – This bill would have protected payroll records with employees' personal information from public disclosure for those who have been contracted to perform public construction projects. The bill passed the Senate but did not receive a vote in the House.

2017 Votes

SB 222 – Clarifies that those who have gone on strike are ineligible to file for unemployment compensation benefits.

SB 224 – This bill repealed the requirement to maintain a wage bond of four weeks' payroll plus fifteen percent for companies filing with the West Virginia Division of Labor. This requirement had been a barrier for smaller companies seeking to grow their business.

SB 239 - The 2017 Paycheck Protection Act. It would have required employees to provide yearly written consent for items such as contributions to political action committees and union dues to be automatically deducted from paychecks.

SB 239 passed the Legislature but was vetoed by the Governor.

SB 330 – This bill made technical corrections to the Workplace Freedom Act (Right-to-Work) that was passed in 2016.

SB 330 Veto Override – Vote to override the Governor's veto of SB 330.

SB 338 – Revisions to the Medical Professional Liability Act (MPLA), clarifying definition of "occurrence," and addressing proper venue for lawsuits against nursing homes.

SB 441 – Would have made the Home Rule Pilot Program for local governments permanent. The bill was vetoed by the Governor.

SJR 6 – The Roads to Prosperity Amendment of 2017. This resolution allowed the state's voters to consider whether or not to permit the state to sell \$1.6 billion in bonds for critical infrastructure projects. The voters overwhelmingly approved this amendment.

HB 2506 – This bill allows for the Harmonic Mean Flow Standard to be used in determining water quality standards. This is the standard that is recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. **This bill was double-weighted.**

HB 2678 – This bill changed the pre- and post-judgment interest rates in West Virginia to better reflect current economic conditions. Interest rates will now be 2% above the Fifth Federal Reserve District, with the provision that it may not be less than 4% nor higher than 9%.

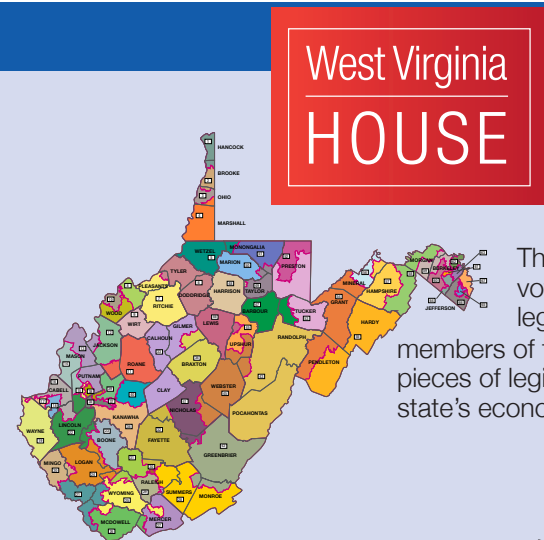
HB 2857 – The West Virginia Safer Workplaces Act, which allows employers to perform random drug screening of non-safety sensitive positions. **This bill was double-weighted.**

HB 3093 – Broadband enhancement and expansion policies.

West Virginia HOUSE

Members of the West Virginia Chamber employ over half of West Virginia's workers. On behalf of our members, the West Virginia Chamber supports policies that promote economic development, provide a quality education for our children and enhance the quality of life throughout our state.

The development of a record that allows Chamber members to objectively review votes of the Legislature will provide substantial benefit in educating ourselves about legislative initiatives. The 2016 Legislative Scorecard contained herein shows how members of the West Virginia Senate and the West Virginia House of Delegates voted on pieces of legislation that will effect, either positively or negatively, the ability to improve the state's economy, the education of our children and the quality of life for all West Virginians.

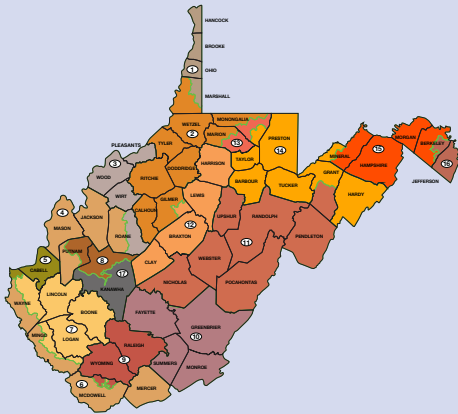


	Party	District	Home County	Jobs Friendly %		Party	District	Home County	Jobs Friendly %
Chanda Adkins*	GOP	31	Raleigh	75.0%	Joe Canestraro	DEM	4	Marshall	50.0%
George Ambler	GOP	42	Greenbrier	84.6%	Moore Capito	GOP	35	Kanawha	92.0%
Bill Anderson	GOP	8	Wood	92.3%	Mike Caputo	DEM	50	Marion	34.6%
Tim Armstead	GOP	40	Kanawha	88.5%	Roy G. Cooper	GOP	28	Summers	88.0%
Martin Atkinson	GOP	11	Roane	92.0%	Daryl Cowles	GOP	58	Morgan	84.6%
Jason Barrett	DEM	61	Berkeley	53.8%	Vernon Criss	GOP	10	Wood	84.0%
Mick Bates	DEM	30	Raleigh	42.3%	Mark Dean	GOP	21	Mingo	80.8%
Saira Blair	GOP	59	Berkeley	87.5%	Frank Deem	GOP	10	Wood	92.9%
Brent Boggs	DEM	34	Braxton	53.8%	Phil Diserio	DEM	2	Brooke	38.5%
Scott Brewer	DEM	13	Mason	50.0%	Jeff Eldridge	DEM	22	Lincoln	38.5%
Jim Butler	GOP	14	Mason	88.5%	Joe Ellington	GOP	27	Mercer	92.0%
Andrew Byrd	DEM	35	Kanawha	57.7%	Paul Espinosa	GOP	66	Jefferson	88.5%
Jeff Campbell*	DEM	42	Greenbrier	50.0%	Allen V. Evans	GOP	54	Grant	76.9%

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Ed Evans	DEM	26	McDowell	42.3%	Tim Miley	DEM	48	Harrison	53.8%
Tom Fast	GOP	32	Fayette	88.5%	Carol Miller	GOP	16	Cabell	88.5%
Mike Ferro	DEM	4	Marshall	40.0%	Rodney Miller	DEM	23	Boone	46.2%
Barbara Evans Fleischauer	DEM	51	Monongalia	37.5%	Riley Moore	GOP	67	Jefferson	76.9%
Shawn Fluharty	DEM	3	Ohio	24.0%	Ricky Moye	DEM	29	Raleigh	50.0%
Michael Folk	GOP	63	Berkeley	65.4%	Eric Nelson	GOP	35	Kanawha	92.3%
Geoff Foster	GOP	15	Putnam	87.5%	John Overington	GOP	62	Berkeley	88.5%
Cindy Frich	GOP	51	Monongalia	88.5%	Jeffrey Pack*	GOP	28	Raleigh	75.0%
Marty Gearheart	GOP	27	Mercer	84.6%	Tony Paynter	GOP	25	Wyoming	65.4%
Dianna Graves*	GOP	38	Kanawha	75.0%	Dave Pethtel	DEM	5	Wetzel	61.5%
Bill Hamilton	GOP	45	Upshur	65.4%	Robert "Rupie" Phillips	GOP	24	Logan	76.9%
Danny Hamrick	GOP	48	Harrison	88.5%	Mike Pushkin	DEM	37	Kanawha	46.2%
Roger Hanshaw	GOP	33	Clay	87.5%	Rodney Pyles	DEM	51	Monongalia	42.3%
Jason Harshbarger	GOP	7	Ritchie	88.5%	Ben Queen	GOP	48	Harrison	88.5%
William G. Hartman	DEM	43	Randolph	53.8%	Andrew Robinson	DEM	36	Kanawha	33.3%
Ken Hicks	DEM	19	Wayne	48.0%	Ralph Rodighiero	DEM	24	Logan	36.0%
Joshua Higginbotham	GOP	13	Putnam	88.5%	Matt Rohrbach	GOP	17	Cabell	65.4%
Jordan Hill	GOP	41	Nicholas	76.9%	Wm. Roger Romine	GOP	6	Doddridge	80.8%
Ray Hollen	GOP	9	Wirt	92.3%	Chuck Romine	GOP	16	Cabell	88.5%
Sean Hornbuckle	DEM	16	Cabell	44.0%	Ruth Rowan	GOP	57	Hampshire	88.5%
Eric L. Householder	GOP	64	Berkeley	88.5%	Larry Rowe	DEM	36	Kanawha	34.6%
Gary G. Howell	GOP	56	Mineral	88.5%	John Shott	GOP	27	Mercer	100.0%
Richard Iauinta	DEM	48	Harrison	46.2%	Kelli Sobonya	GOP	18	Cabell	84.6%
Phil Isner	DEM	43	Randolph	44.0%	Isaac Sponaugle	DEM	55	Pendleton	46.2%
D. Rolland Jennings*	GOP	53	Preston	83.3%	Joe Statler	GOP	51	Monongalia	92.3%
John Kelly	GOP	10	Wood	87.5%	Erikka Storch	GOP	3	Ohio	69.2%
Kayla Kessinger	GOP	32	Fayette	86.4%	Amy Summers	GOP	49	Taylor	88.0%
Charlotte Lane	GOP	35	Kanawha	100.0%	Terri Syolt	GOP	52	Preston	88.5%
Linda Longstreth	DEM	50	Marion	42.3%	Ron Thompson	DEM	19	Wayne	38.5%
Shirley Love	DEM	32	Fayette	50.0%	Jill Upson	GOP	65	Jefferson	75.0%
Chad Lovejoy	DEM	17	Cabell	38.5%	Danny Wagner	GOP	47	Barbour	84.6%
Dana L. Lynch	DEM	44	Webster	34.6%	Guy Ward	GOP	50	Marion	65.4%
Sharon Lewis Malcolm*	GOP	39	Kanawha	N/A	Steve Westfall	GOP	12	Jackson	92.3%
Justin Marcum	DEM	20	Mingo	46.2%	Brad White	GOP	36	Kanawha	80.8%
Patrick Martin	GOP	46	Lewis	84.6%	John Williams	DEM	51	Monongalia	36.0%
Zach Maynard	GOP	22	Lincoln	76.9%	S. Marshall Wilson	GOP	60	Berkeley	84.6%
Pat McGeehan	GOP	1	Hancock	65.4%	Mark Zatezalo	GOP	1	Hancock	88.5%

West Virginia SENATE



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Karen "Lynne Arvon"*	GOP	9	Raleigh	93.1%	Mike Maroney	GOP	2	Marshall	92.9%
Mike Azinger	GOP	3	Wood	92.9%	Mark Maynard	GOP	6	Wayne	93.1%
Steve Baldwin*	DEM	10	Greenbrier	41.4%	Richard Ojeda	DEM	7	Logan	31.0%
Robert Beach	DEM	13	Monongalia	27.6%	Corey Palumbo	DEM	17	Kanawha	51.7%
Craig Blair	GOP	15	Berkeley	93.1%	Bob Plymale	DEM	5	Wayne	57.1%
Donna Boley	GOP	3	Pleasants	93.1%	Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.	DEM	13	Marion	31.0%
Greg Boso	GOP	11	Nicholas	89.7%	Mike Romano	DEM	12	Harrison	17.2%
Mitch Carmichael	GOP	4	Jackson	93.1%	Patricia Rucker	GOP	16	Jefferson	92.3%
Charles Clements	GOP	2	Wetzel	89.7%	Randy Smith	GOP	14	Tucker	93.1%
Sue Cline	GOP	9	Wyoming	93.1%	Ron Stollings	DEM	7	Boone	31.0%
Mark Drennan*	GOP	4	Putnam	86.7%	Chandler Swope	GOP	6	Mercer	93.1%
Doug Facemire	DEM	12	Braxton	20.7%	Dave Sypolt	GOP	14	Preston	75.9%
Ryan Ferns	GOP	1	Ohio	93.1%	Tom Takubo	GOP	17	Kanawha	92.9%
Ed Gaunch	GOP	8	Kanawha	92.3%	Charles S. Trump, IV	GOP	15	Morgan	93.1%
Glenn Jeffries	DEM	8	Putnam	27.6%	John Unger	DEM	16	Berkeley	41.4%
Robert Karnes	GOP	11	Upshur	92.3%	Ryan Weld	GOP	1	Brooke	93.1%
Kenny Mann	GOP	10	Monroe	73.9%	Mike Woelfel	DEM	5	Cabell	55.2%

* Appointed during the 83rd Legislature