

	As of 1/27/2022					
BILL	TITLE	STATUS	COMMITTEE	STEP	LAST ACTION	NOTES/COMMENTS
SB 16	Allowing voters who register in person with county clerk to vote during early in-person voting	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD
SB 20	Creating online voters' guide	Pending	Senate Government Organization	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD State Election Commission to create online voters' guide, including all information in the certificate of announcement; candidates for statewide office permitted to submit a personal statement; and SOS to post the voters' guide on its website.
SB 34	Relating to residency requirements for voter registration	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	BAD Defines legal residency requirements for people entitled to vote and people eligible to register to vote. [Does not clarify timeframe for residency, suggests that intent not to stay would be disqualifying. Could be used to exclude students?]
SB 53	Requiring one-year residency within district or county to fill vacancy in Legislature	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD
SB 54	Requiring PACs disclose contributors' names and addresses to Secretary of State	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD Does not apply to candidates for federal office.
SB 67	Relating to advertisements by political candidates	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD Newspapers qualified to publish legal advertisements must accept advertisements for publication from political candidates without regard to content. Profane or obscene material excepted.
SB 96	Requiring disclaimers on third-party, nongovernment solicitations mailed or otherwise provided to businesses	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	NOT ELECTION-RELATED

SB 107	Requiring certain disclosures of election expenditures	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD [Attempts to establish method to track dark money within SCOTUS limits.] Does not apply to federal candidates, but does apply to federal PACs that make state level independent expenditures or engage in state level electioneering.
SB 125	Requiring all local special levies be held on regularly scheduled statewide election ballot	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD Mandates special levies to be on regular primary or general ballot. [SOS proposal from 11/2021]
SB 147	Adjusting distance from polling place certain election-related activity is prohibited	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	BAD Extends distance from 100 feet to 250 feet.
SB 191	Allowing poll workers to work full and half days	PASS	Completed Legislation		01/27/22	GOOD
SB 200	Relating generally to modernization of procedures for voting in public elections	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD [SENATORS LINDSAY, CAPUTO. Similar to DOYLE & HANSEN, HB 2814 (2021 session).]
SB 236	Requiring all eligible voters to vote in general election	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	UGLY <i>"voting is hereby found and designated as an additional, mandatory duty such as paying taxes and serving on jury duty."</i> Includes penalties for failing to comply.
SB 240	Permitting all registered voters to vote by absentee ballot	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD [SENATORS CAPUTO, LINDSAY, GEFFERT, BEACH, & ROMANO. Simple, straightforward, but incomplete.]
SB 253	Relating to voting precincts and redistricting	Pending	House Government Organization	Committee	01/24/22	GOOD Designates SOS as state's liaison to U.S. Census Bureau for purposes of redistricting phases for the federal decennial census; requires county commissions to submit information to SOS relating to precinct updates; and provides other responsibilities of county commissions and SOS relating to maps and accompanying technical files, business hours and availability of information to the public for inspection.
SB 423	Establishing limited exemption to photo ID requirements	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	01/26/22	NOT ELECTION-RELATED COMM SUB: authorizes DMV to issue ID cards without a photo to those who have religious objections to photos.

HB 2066	Providing school days for registering eligible students to vote and to provide transportation to voting places	Pending	House Education	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD Mandates county BOEs to establish school day for voter registration and school day for early voting, with transportation. ROWE. Similar/same as HB 2066
HB 2107	West Virginia Native American Tribes Unique Recognition, Authentication and Listing Act	Pending	House Government Organization	Committee	01/12/22	NOT ELECTION-RELATED
HB 2118	Providing school days to register and transport eligible students to vote	Pending	House Education	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD FLEISCHAUER. [Similar/same as HB 2066]
HB 2119	Relating to electioneering or distributing literature at early voting locations	Pending	House Political Subdivisions	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD Makes §3-3-2a conform with §3-3-9.
HB 2120	Ensuring health insurance coverage for residents with preexisting conditions	Pending	House Banking and Insurance	Committee	01/12/22	NOT ELECTION-RELATED
HB 2122	Implementing The Agreement Among the States to Elect the President and Vice President by National Popular Vote	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD
HB 2147	Providing that the Division of Motor Vehicles identification cards be issued at no cost	Pending	House T&I	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD
HB 2215	Allowing a group of affiliated voters to become a recognized political party under certain criteria	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD A group of affiliated voters may be recognized as a political party if: - the group's candidate receives one percent of the votes in an election for any of six statewide offices (Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture); - 5,000 or more individuals have identified as members of the group on their current voter registration forms; and voting registration forms must provide a space for individuals who do not select a political party affiliation to write the name of a group of affiliated voters to which they belong.

HB 2248	Prohibiting payroll deductions to electioneering organizations	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	BAD Prohibits state, county, or municipal government entity, or state agency from processing payroll deductions from any employee's paycheck to go to an organization that is engaged in electioneering.
HB 2602	Require special elections to be held same day as primary or general election	Pending	House Political Subdivisions	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD Requires all local and state special elections to be held with general or primary or state elections, exception for run-off elections. [Similar/same as SB 125, SOS proposal 11/2021.]
HB 2607	Require all registered voters to produce a photo ID to vote in all public office elections	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	UGLY To vote for public offices, voter ID must include photo. [Overrides myriad of ID options; VOTER SUPPRESSION]
HB 2625	Permitting election day registration of voters	Pending	House Political Subdivisions	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD Same-day voter registration beginning General 2022. Ballots cast by same-day registrants would be "challenged" ballots.
HB 2841	Campaign Finance Reform	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD Establishes \$3,000 limit on loans a candidate may make to his/her campaign; requires candidates publicly to declare donor lists; requires lawmakers to make donor lists publicly available on legislative websites; requires candidates to make public their income tax filings.
HB 2864	Remove felonies from reason to disqualify from voting	Pending	House Government Organization	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD Remove felonies from reason to disqualify from voting once period of incarceration has been completed. Requires notice of voting eligibility.
HB 2921	Permitting anyone over 65 to vote absentee	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	BAD Absentee eligibility for " <i>Physical disability or immobility due to extreme advanced age</i> " would become anyone over 65. DELEGATES YOUNG, FLUHARTY, PUSHKIN, ZUKOFF, ROWE & BARACH
HB 2928	The purpose of this bill is to permit registered voters to vote an absentee ballot by mail in all circumstances	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD DELEGATES YOUNG, THOMPSON, ZUKOFF & ROWE [Simple, straightforward, but incomplete; similar to SB 240.]

HB 2929	Allowing the Secretary of State's office to transmit electronically the total ballots cast, counted, and rejected	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD [SOS proposal from 11/2021]
HB 2937	Requiring a vote on school closure or consolidation in certain circumstances	Pending	House Education	Committee	01/12/22	UGLY
HB 3136	Repeal code relating to wagering or betting on elections	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	BAD
HB 3160	Creating online voters' guide	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	GOOD [Similar/same as SB 20]
HB 3233	Prohibit electronic ballots	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	UGLY Repeals authority for use of electronic voting systems for registering or recording and computing votes cast in general, special and primary elections. [Repeal without replacement.]
HB 3257	Faithless Elector law	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	BAD Prohibit presidential electors from voting for the presidential and vice presidential party that did not win the majority of votes. [Needs clarification; does not stipulate whether "majority" applies to state or nationally.]
HB 3258	Requiring party affiliation on school board elections	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/12/22	BAD Party affiliation of school board candidates would be listed on ballot alongside their name.
HB 4097	To prohibit nonpublic funding sources for election administration and related expenses without prior written approval by the State Election Commission.	Pending		2nd Reading	01/28/22	GOOD [SOS proposal from 11/2021]
HB 4293	Prohibiting mass mailing of absentee ballots	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/20/22	UGLY Prohibits any person, including any election official, to mail or deliver an application for an absentee ballot to any voter except when specifically requested by that voter. [Sent back to drawing board in Judiciary because offenses & penalties so egregious.]

HB 4299	To prohibit the intentional interference with election processes and creating associated criminal penalties	Pending		2nd Reading	01/28/22	BAD Prohibits interference with voters' travel to and from the polls. [SOS proposal from 11/2021; bill summary is inaccurate.]
HB 4311	Creating criminal penalties for illegal voting activity	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/21/22	BAD Creates a felony for voting more than once or voting while ineligible.
HB 4312	Extending the option of electronic absentee ballot transmission to first responders in certain emergency circumstances	Pending		1st Reading	01/28/22	BAD Adds absentee ballot eligibility for first responders called for duty to respond to an emergency outside the voter's county of residence, which prevents the voter from participating in the election by in-person and mail-in absentee voting. Typically includes emergency medical technicians, firefighters, law-enforcement officers, neighborhood assistance officers, and paramedics. [SOS proposal from 11/2021.]
HB 4353	Relating to On Cycle Elections - Voter Turnout Act	Pending	House Political Subdivisions	Committee	01/24/22	GOOD Would align local county elections to a date that a statewide election is already taking place, on a primary or general election date; require local elections and any elections to increase levies coincide with a primary or a general election; repeal special elections for levies. [SOS proposal from 11/2021.]
HB 4395	Relating to requirements imposed on social media companies to prevent corruption and provide transparency of election-related content made available on social media websites	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/25/22	UGLY "Social Media Integrity and Anti-Corruption in Elections Act" includes: - An equal opportunity for all candidates (federal, state, local) appearing on WV ballots to appear on social media platform (SMP). - SMP required to ensure the accuracy of published Election Content. - Campaign finance reporting by SMPs. - SMP required to report to State Election Commission on any suspension, termination or restriction of any candidate with justification for such. SEC may affirm, modify, or overturn such decisions.

HB 4407	Requiring photo identification for mail in ballots	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/26/22	<p>UGLY Copy of photo ID required for mail-in absentee ballot (by mail or email) or valid ID must be presented to vote absentee in person.</p> <p>[VOTER SUPPRESSION. SECURITY RISK TO SEND PHOTO ID BY MAIL OR EMAIL.]</p>
HB 4419	Allowing candidate committees and campaign committees to make contributions to affiliated state party executive committees.	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/27/22	<p>BAD Candidate committees and campaign committees may make contributions to affiliated state party executive committees, or any subsidiary, branch, or local unit thereof, or a caucus campaign committee without limit.</p>
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<u>HB 4438</u>	Applying current requirements for certain voting systems to be independent and non-networked to all voting systems that seek certification in West Virginia.	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/31/22	<p>BAD Would appear to conflict with use of e-voting systems approved under WV Code.</p>
<u>HB 4442</u>	Modifying the process of contesting elections.	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/31/22	<p>GOOD Shifts judgment of contested elections from county commission to circuit court. Simplifies procedures.</p>
<u>HB 4449</u>	Clarifying the uniform statewide deadline for electronically submitted voter registration applications.	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/31/22	<p>GOOD Technical amendment. [SOS proposal from 11/2021]</p>
<u>HB 4450</u>	Removing the \$0.50 fee charged and deposited in the Combined Voter Registration and Driver's Licensing Fund for each driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.	Pending	House Finance	Committee	01/31/22	<p>GOOD [SOS proposal from 11/2021]</p>
<u>HB 4468</u>	Election Reform 2022	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	01/31/22	<p>GOOD Permits all registered voters to vote by absentee ballot; simplifies absentee ballot methods to reduce administrative burden on county clerks; simplifies procedures for adoption in 2022 elections.</p> <p>DELEGATES DOYLE, SKAFF, HANSEN, BARACH, GARCIA, DISERIO, PUSHKIN, FLEISCHAUER, EVANS, WALKER, AND ROWE</p>

	As of 2/11/2022					
SB 547	Updating definition of "electioneering communication"	Pending	Senate Judiciary	Committee	02/01/22	BAD Excludes from "electioneering communication" <i>A communication made solely for the purpose of attracting public attention to a product or service offered for sale by a candidate or by a business owned or operated by a candidate which does not mention an election, the office sought by the candidate, or his or her status as a candidate</i> [Asserts purpose to be consistent with FEC. Is this a MAGA product provision?]
HB 4514	Mandating county commissions develop emergency absentee voting procedures	Pending	House Political Subdivisions	Committee	02/02/22	BAD Puts deadline on county commissions to adopt policies on emergency absentee ballots. [Current law permits variability in emergency absentee voting policies across counties.]
HB 4518	Relating to automatic voter registration	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	02/02/22	BAD Requires explicit written consent for automatic registration of eligible voters by state/local government employers or contractors.
HB 4543	To eliminate restrictions on voting rights for formerly incarcerated individuals	Pending	House J&P	Committee	02/03/22	GOOD Restores eligibility to vote for former felons upon release from incarceration. [Similar to HB 2864, except no notice of eligibility to vote required.]
HB 4593	Refer instances of election fraud to the attorney general for prosecution	Pending	House Political Subdivisions	Committee	02/09/22	BAD Gives SOS authority to refer cases of possible election fraud to AG if county prosecuting attorneys have declined to prosecute. Several technical changes (substitute <i>may</i> for <i>shall have the power</i>). [Appears to be political and solution in search of a problem.]
HB 4611	Providing an exception to the requirements for voters to present a valid identifying document when appearing in person to vote at the polls	Pending	House Government Organization	Committee	02/10/22	BAD If voter lacks ID, an adult attesting to identity must sign affidavit. No ID required if voter's picture in an electronic poll books matches the person presenting to vote. Ballots can be challenged if image displayed in poll book is not truly the voter. Adds digital photo to info provided at DMV and that info is transferred to SOS. [Continues to make voter ID requirements difficult to navigate.]

	As of 2/17/2022					
HB 4680	To modify the section of code relating to the process of selecting county executive committees	Pending	House Political Subdivisions	Committee	02/15/22	GOOD Establishes residency requirements for candidates or appointees to county commission. [Appears to make requirements for commissioners consistent with requirements for Senate and HOD, WV Const. §6-12.]
HB 4693	To mandate that the Secretary of State to utilize the Electronic Registration Information Center	Pending	House Government Organization	Committee	02/15/22	GOOD Mandates SOS to implement one uniform, centralized, interactive computerized voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered at the state level with name and registration information of every legally registered WV voter, including a unique identifier.
HB 4700	Relating to making certain officers of the courts elected as non-partisan	Pending	House Judiciary	Committee	02/15/22	GOOD County prosecutors and county clerks to be elected on non-partisan ballots.
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SB 693	Clarifying meeting voting requirements for political party executive committees	Pending	-	1st Reading	02/28/22	NOT ELECTION-RELATED

SUMMARY ASSESSMENT						
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UGLY	SB 236	HB 2607 HB 2937 HB 3233 HB 4293 HB 4395 HB 4407				
Not election-related	SB 96 SB 423	HB 2107 HB 2120				
UNIVERSAL ABSENTEE VOTING	SB 200 SB 240	HB 2928 HB 4468				

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SB 240

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- Beach (Marion, Monongalia)
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HB 2928

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- Zukoff (Marshall)
- Rowe (Kanaawha)

HB 4468

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