



The Pro-Democracy, Anti-Corruption Platform

The Pro-Democracy, Anti-Corruption Platform is a set of common sense policy solutions that can help put our government on a path to solve problems that affect us all. This is not about Democrat vs. Republican; **this is about fixing a broken system, and moving toward a government that's more transparent, accountable, and responsive to the needs of ALL West Virginians.**

Bills we're supporting as part of the Pro-Democracy, Anti-Corruption Platform:

SB 115 – Relating to certain election expenditure disclosures, would require disclosure of dark money political expenditures to allow the public to know who is paying for political advertisements. We deserve to know who is spending money to influence our votes and our elected representatives. (Status: Pending in Senate Judiciary)

SB 118 & HB 2445 – Would end gerrymandering by establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission to propose redistricting plans following the census and make the process of drawing legislative and congressional districts more transparent and impartial. (Status: Pending in Senate and House)

SB 236 – Would provide notice and an opportunity to persons convicted of certain crimes that they are eligible to vote after completion of their punishment. Many people assume the laws have restricted their rights. But that's not true. While many states have some restriction on felon voting rights, most states, including West Virginia restore the right to vote to people after they complete their sentences – they just don't know it. (Status: Passed by the Senate, pending in House Judiciary)

SB 276 – Relating to regulation and control of elections defines "foreign national" and prohibits a foreign national from contributing to candidates in West Virginia. The bill also provides an additional penalty for violation of campaign finance disclosure laws, including publishing the names of persons who fail to make timely filings. Additionally, the bill prohibits legislators from fund raising during the legislative session when they should be serving their constituents. (Status: Pending in Senate Judiciary)

SB 429 – Would allow voters who register in person at the office of the County Clerk to register and vote on the same day during the early voting period. (Status: Pending in Senate Judiciary)

SB 438 – Would establish an online voters' guide on the Secretary of State's website, where voters could access contact and other information about candidates for statewide, legislative, and judicial offices. (Status: Pending in Senate Judiciary)

SB 491 – Would delay implementation deadline for Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) that occurs in conjunction with getting a driver's license or state issued ID until July 1, 2020. A delay is needed so that DMV and the Secretary of State's Office can update their registration systems to make the process more efficient. However, once the proper technology is in place, AVR will make our voter registration system more accurate and secure, while ensuring that all eligible voters are able to participate on Election Day. (Status: Passed Senate Judiciary, up for a vote in the Senate Tuesday 2/12/19)

HB 2008 – Relating to nonpartisan election of justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals, would require that a run-off election be held when no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the nonpartisan election of justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals. (Status: Passed House Judiciary, parked on the House inactive calendar)

For more information visit www.wvoter-owned.org or
email julie@wvoter-owned.org