WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §11B-1-8

§11B-1-8. Eliminating Division of Personnel Exemption for Tax Division personnel.

(a) Legislative findings and intent. —

(1) The several exemptions from centralized administration of the state's personnel have created multiple, redundant, inefficient, and overly complex personnel and human resources systems in several parts of state government; and

(2) Shifting to a centralized oversight system that includes necessary flexibility for all state departments—instead of a few favored agencies—would facilitate the streamlining of state government and the proper management of the state executive personnel systems.

(b) Definitions. — As used in this section:

(1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Tax Division of the Department of Revenue or his or her designee; and

(2) "Division" means the Tax Division of the Department of Revenue.

(c) Beginning on July 1, 2026, the division's authority to establish a classified system for personnel administration under this section is abolished and all personnel within the special merit system created under this section are subject to the provisions of §29-6-1 *et seq*. of this code except that:

(1) Any and all job classifications, specifications, and compensation structures established by the division, prior to July 1, 2026, by the authority granted under this section, shall transfer to the oversight and administration of the Division of Personnel; and

(2) Following the transfer, the Division of Personnel shall not modify the job classifications, specifications, and compensation structures created pursuant to this section prior to July 1, 2026, except with the consent of the Secretary of the Department of Revenue or as provided in §5F-2-9 of this code.

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