

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §55-17-4**

## **§55-17-4. Procedures pending action.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary:

- (1) A government agency shall be allowed sixty days to serve an answer to a complaint or petition for which a summons has been issued and served upon a government agency;
- (2) Judgment by default may not be entered against a government agency in an action as defined in section two of this article unless the court, after a hearing on a motion for default judgment, finds that the government agency clearly intends to fail to appear, plead or otherwise defend in the action; and
- (3) No government agency may be ordered to pay punitive damages in any action.