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**WEST VIRGINIA CODE CHAPTER 56**  
**ARTICLE 9**

WV Legislature

**§56-9-1. Removal of causes generally; notice; motion.**

A circuit court, or any court of limited jurisdiction established pursuant to the provisions of section 1, article VIII of the Constitution of this state, wherein an action, suit, motion or other civil proceeding is pending, or the judge thereof in vacation, may on the motion of any party, after ten days' notice to the adverse party or his attorney, and for good cause shown, order such action, suit, motion or other civil proceeding to be removed, if pending in a circuit court, to any other circuit court, and if pending in any court of limited jurisdiction hereinbefore mentioned to the circuit court of that county: Provided, That the judge of such other circuit court in a case of removal from one circuit to another may decline to hear said cause, if, in his opinion, the demands and requirements of his office render it improper or inconvenient for him to do so.

**§56-9-2. Removal where it is improper for judge to hear case.**

If the judge of any circuit or other court mentioned in the next preceding section, wherein an action, suit, motion or other civil proceeding is pending, is so situated as to render it improper, in his opinion, for him to decide such case or preside at the trial thereof, such court or the judge thereof in vacation may, without motion or notice, order the case to be removed to any court to which it might be removed, on motion and notice, under the preceding section: Provided, That the judge of such other circuit court may decline to hear said cause, if in his opinion, the demands and requirements of his office render it improper or inconvenient for him to do so.

**§56-9-3. Transfer of papers; proceedings after removal; costs.**

When any case is ordered to be removed under this article, the clerk of the court, from which, shall transmit to the clerk of the court, to which, it is removed, the original papers therein, with copies of all rules and orders made, and a statement of the costs incurred by each party therein; whereupon, the case shall be proceeded in, heard and determined by the court to which it is removed, as if it had been brought, and the previous proceedings had, in such court. The costs attending such removal shall be charged as may be thought just by the court, from which, or, if it make no order on the subject, by the court to which, the case is removed.