

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §7A-1-3

## §7A-1-3. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following words have the meanings assigned unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (1) "Affected municipality", "affected county", "affected metro government" or "affected area", or the plural, mean municipalities, counties or metro governments in the territory encompassed by the proposed charter of a consolidated local government.
- (2) "Consolidated local government", or the plural, means a type of government that encompasses municipal consolidation, county consolidation and metro consolidation.
- (3) "County consolidation" and "consolidated county" mean the consolidation of two or more counties as defined by the charter.
- (4) "Governing body", or the plural, means the body charged with the responsibility of enacting laws and determining public policy of a municipal or county government or local consolidated government.
- (5) "Metro consolidation" and "metro government" mean the consolidation of one or more counties and a principal city as defined by the charter.
- (6) "Municipal consolidation" and "consolidated municipality" mean the consolidation of two or more municipalities, including cities, towns and villages, as defined by the charter.
- (7) "Principal city" means the municipality with the largest population in the territory encompassed by the proposed charter of the consolidated local government.