

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1965



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HOUSE BILL No. 524

(By Mr. Bailey and Mr. Black)



PASSED March 13, 1965

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight, article one, chapter three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to allowing parties other than the two major political parties in municipal corporations to hold primary elections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section eight, article one, chapter three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**Article 1. General Provisions and Definitions.**

**Section 8. Political Party Defined.**—Any affiliation of  
2 voters representing any principle or organization which,

3 at the last preceding general election, polled for its can-  
4 didate for governor at least one per cent of the total  
5 number of votes cast for all candidates for that office in  
6 the state, shall be a political party, within the meaning  
7 and for the purpose of this chapter: *Provided*, That  
8 notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section,  
9 the governing body of any municipality may, by ordinance  
10 adopted by the affirmative vote of at least three fourths  
11 of the members of such governing body by recorded vote,  
12 provide that municipal political parties or groups within  
13 such municipality that do not meet the requirements  
14 of this section for classification as a political party may  
15 participate in the primary elections of any such munic-  
16 ipality. Any such ordinance shall contain provisions im-  
17 plementing the foregoing proviso, which implementing  
18 provisions shall conform as nearly as practicable to any  
19 general provisions of law relating to municipal primary  
20 elections.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*A. Ray Parker*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*James W. Loop*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

*Thomas Myers*  
Clerk of the Senate

*A. Blankenship*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Howard W. Hanson*  
President of the Senate

*H. Leban White*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *19*  
day of *March*, 1965.

*Harold C. Smith*  
Governor

