

**H. B. 2807**

(By Delegates Campbell, Barker, Beach, Miley,  
Varner, Andes, Cann, Ferro and Canterbury)

[Introduced February 25, 2009; referred to the  
Committee on Government Organization.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §5A-6B-1, §5A-6B-2, §5A-6B-3, §5A-6B-4 and §5A-6B-5, all relating to the West Virginia Geographical Information System.

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

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated §5A-6B-1, §5A-6B-2, §5A-6B-3, §5A-6B-4 and §5A-6B-5, all to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 6B. WEST VIRGINIA GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM.**

**§5A-6B-1. Finding and purpose.**

The Legislature finds and declares that computerized geographical information systems technology and the management and sharing of information about the state's natural and cultural resources is essential to finding practical solutions to good, efficient and effective governance. That Executive Order 4-93 recognized the West Virginia

Geographical Information System Policy Council to oversee the implementation of the State GIS Development Plan by the appointment of the State GIS Coordinator, and the appointment of a steering committee to coordinate the technical aspects of the plan, and the development of a GIS users group to educate, train and exchange information among GIS users and further to create a GIS Technical Center in cooperation with West Virginia University.

**§5A-6B-2. Definitions.**

(a) “Chief Technology Officer” means the person defined in article six, chapter five-a of this code.

(b) “Geological and Economic Survey” means the entity provided for in article two, chapter twenty-nine of this code.

(c) “Geospatial” means a combination of spatial software and analytical methods of terrestrial or geographic datasets.

(d) “GIS Plan” means the Geographical Information System Plan.

(e) “GIS Technical Center” means the State GIS Technical Center in the Department of Geology and Geography at West Virginia University.

(f) “GIS Users Group” includes the West Virginia Association of Geospatial Professional and other groups or individuals that educate, train and exchange information among GIS users.

**§5A-6B-3. GIS Users Group Contribution to GIS Plan.**

Within the framework of the Chief Technology Officer’s Information Technology Plan and the office of the State GIS Coordinator and the office of the State Geological

and Economic Survey, and the West Virginia Geographical System Information Policy Council, GIS Users Groups including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Association of Geospatial Professionals are recognized to assist the development of the State Geographic Information System Plan.

**§5A-6B-4. Security of government information.**

The Chief Technology Officer ensures the security of all government information and the data communications infrastructure from unauthorized uses, intrusions or other security threats.

**§5A-6B-5. Legislative rules.**

The Statewide GIS Coordinator in consultation with the Chief Technology Officer proposes legislative rules for legislative promulgation, in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code as may be necessary to standardize and make effective the provisions of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to recognize GIS User Groups such as the West Virginia Association of Geospatial Professionals to assist the development of the State GIS Plan.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.