



Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia

March 30, 2022

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mac Warner
Secretary of State
State Capitol Complex
Building 1, Suite 157-K
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Enrolled Senate Bill 573

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Senate Bill 573. This bill requests the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals to develop a system to rotate magistrates temporarily. I support this concept as it would work to increase efficiency in the magistrate court system throughout the State. Unfortunately, there is a Code conflict between the provisions of this bill and the provisions of Enrolled House Bill 2910, which latter bill is needed to create a more balanced magistrate system and provide a more feasible caseload for magistrates throughout the State.

Because the provisions of Enrolled Senate Bill 573 conflict with the provisions of another necessary law meant to provide a more permanent solution to the problem of large caseloads for our magistrates, I must disapprove and return Enrolled Senate Bill 573. I look forward to working with the leadership in both the House of Delegates and the Senate to reintroduce this legislation in the future, incorporating the changes made by Enrolled House Bill 2910, to ensure that once magistrates' caseloads are addressed, we can continue to increase the efficiency of our State's court system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Justice", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Justice
Governor

cc: The Honorable Craig Blair
President of the Senate

The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House of Delegates

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