**Chapter 2: State and Local Government in West Virginia**

**Section 1**

**Preamble Comparisons**

1. U.S. 52, WVA 65
2. We, the people
3. To form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty and our posterity.
4. Divine Providence and the Government of West Virginia
5. Common welfare, freedom and security

**Amending the West Virginia Constitution**

Answers will vary.

**Writing a Bill**

Answers will vary

**How a Bill Becomes a Law**

**Do You Know Your State Government?**

Partial answers are as follows:

**Governor:** head of executive branch, oversees operation of state government, makes sure state laws are carried out, may propose new bills to the Legislature, is chief financial officer for the state, is commander-in-chief of the state’s military forces, may grant pardons and reprieves, appoints heads of state agencies with approval of Senate, makes a State of the State Address, can veto bills, serves on many state boards and commissions, and appears throughout the state at various functions

**Secretary of State:** keeper of the Great and Less Seals of the state; is in charge of all official state papers and records, and serves as chief election officer

**State Treasurer:** receives state revenues and pays the state’s bills

**State Auditor:** serves as the state’s bookkeeper

**Attorney General:** serves as the state’s lawyer and is head of the state’s legal department

**Commissioner of Agriculture:** sets standards, grades all farm products, identifies markets for farm products, and publishes agriculture and forestry reports and bulletins

**Senate President/Lieutenant Governor:** presides over the Senate; if governor’s office becomes vacant, acts as governor until the vacancy is filled

**Speaker, House of Delegates:** presides over House of Delegates; performs duties of governor if both the governor and the Senate president/lieutenant governor are unable to

**Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Appeals:** presides over the Supreme Court of Appeals

**State School Superintendent:** head of state public school system

**How the Counties Got Their Names**

**Named for Governors:** Berkeley, Brooke, Cabell, Gilmer, Harrison, McDowell, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Randolph, Tyler, Wood

**Named for Revolutionary War Era Personalities:** Hardy, Lewis, Marion, Mercer, Morgan, Putnam, Wayne

**Named for American Statesmen and Politicians:** Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Hancock, Mason, Monroe, Ritchie, Taylor, Webster

**Named for Presidents:** Grant, Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln

**Named for Jurists:** Barbour, Marshall, Pendleton, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Upshur, Wirt **Named for Frontiersmen:** Boone, Wetzel

**Named for Rivers:** Greenbrier, Kanawha, Monongalia, Ohio

**Named for Indians:** Logan, Mingo, Pocahontas, Wyoming

**Other:** Fayette, Hampshire, Mineral, Raleigh

**West Virginia’s County Seats**

(Across, Down, Direction)

Beckley (20,1,S)

Berkeley Springs (1,1,E)

Buckhannon (16,26,W)

Charles Town (15,5,W)

Charleston (16,3,S)

Clarksburg (17,1,S)

Clay (5,19,S)

Elizabeth (18,1,S)

Elkins (4,26,N)

Fairmont (5,11,E)

Fayetteville (2,18,E)

Franklin (19,9,S)

Glenville (5,2,E)

Grafton (20,19,N)

Grantsville (14,6,W)

Hamlin (4,17,E)

Harrisville (6,8,E)

Hinton (20,8,S)

Huntington (2,12,E)

Keyser (17,11,S)

Kingwood (19,1,S)

Lewisburg (6,21,E)

Logan (15,19,W)

Madison (21,19,S)

Marlinton (18,10,S)

Martinsburg (12,16,W)

Middlebourne (1,20,E)

Moorefield (5,25,E)

Morgantown (5,3,E)

Moundsville (5,13,E)

New Martinsville (13,1,S)

New Cumberland (3,8,S)

Parkersburg (1,7,S)

Parsons (21,15,N)

Petersburg (2,15,E)

Philippi (17,17,W)

Pineville (6,14,E)

Point Pleasant (1,7,E)

Princeton (6,22,E)

Ripley (1,21,S)

Romney (2,8,N)

Spencer (20,26,N)

St. Marys (15,4,W)

Summersville (15,9,S)

Sutton (5,24,E)

Union (2,22,S)

Wayne (11,24,E)

Webster Springs (2,9,E)

Welch (8,19,W)

Wellsburg (3,10,E)

West Union (17,18,S)

Weston (1,4,E)

Wheeling (16,18,S)

Williamson (3,23,E)

Winfield (19,26,N)

**County Government**

Answers will vary.

**Local Officials**

Answers will vary.

**Matching: State and Local Government in West Virginia**

**1. K**

**2. J**

**3. F**

**4. C**

**5. B**

**6. A**

**7. E**

**8. L**

**9. G**

**10. H**

**11. D**

**12. M**

**13. I**