



## 2020 General Election -- Legislative Candidates' Questionnaire

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Candidate Name: Bill Anderson Office Seeking: House of Delegates - 8  
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### Questions:

1. Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.

Regulatory policies should seek to protect and balance the needs of society as well the needs of business and industry. Unreasonable overregulation needs to be reviewed and modified.

2. What do you bring to the office you seek? Specifically, what have you built, improved, or changed for the benefit of your community or business?

Served on the Williamstown Pool Committee which guided the replacement of a community pool. Serve as an officer in local American Legion post. As chair of the House Energy Committee helped pass the Co-tenancy Natural Gas legislation. This legislation helps further develop natural gas exploration.

3. Please list any groups, associations, or non-profits in which you are an active member or volunteer such as civic groups, labor organizations, advocacy groups.

American Legion Post 159 First Presbyterian Church.

4. West Virginia is facing many challenges. What do you consider to be the most important and critical challenge that threatens our state and what is your plan to alleviate this threat?

Further development of manufacturing utilizing our state's natural resources. The challenge is from those who want to prevent development of oil & gas, coal, and similar resources. Continue enacting laws and regulations facilitating development and downstream manufacturing opportunities.

5. During the 2020 Legislative Session, SJR 9 and SB 837 moved in the West Virginia Senate, but fell short of the votes needed to move to the House of Delegates. The intent of the effort was to allow West Virginians to vote on a constitutional amendment to phase-out/repeal of manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment tax, business inventory, and tax on passenger vehicles while making local governments and schools whole. Please describe your ideas for addressing this issue which requires a change to the West Virginia Constitution.

I support this amendment.

6. What ideas do you have to help build our state's economy and improve West Virginia's position in competing for investment and job growth?

Enact legislation seeking to attract manufacturing companies to invest in WV. through tax and regulatory actions.

7. Use of and addiction to opioids in West Virginia and our region have reached crisis levels. This is a problem being recognized not only at the state level, but at the federal level. What ideas do you have to help stop this devastating trend in our state?

Three pronged attack. 1) Education of children at primary school level of dangers of drug abuse. 2) Treatment centers to help addicts break their addictions. 3) To those who peddle this poisons to our people - lock them up.

8. Racial justice and equity, LGBTQ rights and gender equity are important factors for many current West Virginia employers, companies that consider moving to our State, and employees who may consider relocating to West Virginia. How would you address these issues to recruit and retain companies and employees for whom this is a priority?

I believe people should be hired, promoted, or dismissed based upon qualifications and performance without regard

to race, sex, ethnic origins, religion, or sexual orientation/identity.

I do not want to create a situation where employers are subjected to expensive lawsuits when the terminate or hiring promotion is based on objective criteria.

9. What are your specific ideas related to developing a diverse and skilled workforce in West Virginia?

Assess what skills employers need and insure our Community and Technical College as well as our Universities develop dynamic curriculum meeting both the needs of students and potential employers.

10. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection proposed a rule for the 2021 Legislative Session to adopt a portion of US EPA recommended human health criteria which established limits for certain environmental permits. The WVMA is actively involved in ongoing discussions related to these criteria and supports the WV DEPs approach to establish an active work group to further evaluate these important measures. Please describe your position on the proposed rule.

While not knowing the details of the proposed rule, I would be supportive of a position developed by the WV DEP and supported by the WVMA.

11. Please describe policies that you believe may be helpful in balancing state regulations and environmental rules while maintaining a competitive atmosphere for industrial job growth and investment?

Regulations and environmental rules must be reviewed periodically with input from manufacturers for revisions as times and circumstances change.

12. What would you like to share with our members that we have not asked?

I have a long record of support for WVMA legislative initiatives over my length of service in the legislature.

13. Would you be available for an interview remotely or in person?

Yes

14. Where may the WVMA follow you on Social Media? Please list social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, and others.

*No Social Media Platforms*

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Charleston, W.Va.**

**Monday, November 16, 2020**

*\*Sitting and newly elected Legislators are encouraged to attend as guests of the WVMA  
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