



Modernize Statute of Limitations for Contracts

- **West Virginia's statute of limitations for written contracts is ten years, and five years for oral contracts.**
- **Statutes of limitations exist to ensure that relevant facts and memories have not faded over time.**
- **Only eight other states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Rhode Island, and Wyoming) have a ten-year statute of limitations.**
 - **Missouri's ten-year statute only applies to payment of money or property – all other items are five years.**
- **Ohio has recently reduced their statute of limitations for written contracts from eight years to six years, and from six years to four years for oral contracts.**
- **The statutes of limitations for our surrounding states are now:**
 - **Pennsylvania: Four years for both written and oral**
 - **Ohio: Six years (written) Four years (oral)**
 - **Kentucky: Ten years (written) Five years (oral)**
 - **Virginia: Five years (written) Three years (oral)**
 - **Maryland: Three years for both written and oral**
- **Lowering West Virginia's statute of limitations to five years for written contracts and four years for oral contracts would bring our state into line with other states.**