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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1472**

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-37.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission.*

Patrons—Kilgore and Hall

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 2.1-37.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-37.7. Commission Counsel, officers and employees; experts and reporters; witnesses; legal counsel.

The Commission shall appoint, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the General Assembly, a Commission Counsel and fix his duties and compensation. During any vacancy which may exist while the General Assembly is not in session, the Commission may appoint a successor to serve until thirty days after the commencement of the next session of the General Assembly. Upon confirmation by the General Assembly, the Commission Counsel shall begin service of a full term. The Commission Counsel may, with prior approval of the Commission, employ such officers, assistants, and other employees as he deems necessary for the performance of the duties and exercise of the powers conferred upon him. The Commission Counsel shall be appointed for a term of four years and may be reappointed within the discretion of the Commission. Each subsequent reappointment shall be subject to General Assembly confirmation.

The Commission may arrange for and compensate medical and other experts and reporters, may arrange for attendance of witnesses, including witnesses not subject to subpoena, and may pay from funds available to it all expenses reasonably necessary for effectuating the purposes of Article VI, Section 10 of the Constitution of Virginia and the provisions of this chapter, whether or not specifically enumerated herein.

The Attorney General shall, if requested by the Commission, act as its counsel generally or in any particular investigation or proceeding. The Commission may employ additional counsel, notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.1-122, as amended.

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