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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1550

Offered February 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-69.9:2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to appointment of district court judges.*

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Patron—Kilgore

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Introduced at the request of the Governor

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

#### **1. That § 16.1-69.9:2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 16.1-69.9:2. Vacancies in office of judges; terms of successor judges; appointment during recess of General Assembly.

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of a full-time district court judge the successor shall be elected for a full term of six years and upon qualification shall enter at once upon the discharge of the duties of his office. But subject to the provisions of § 16.1-69.9:3, the ~~judges of the circuit having jurisdiction over the district~~ Governor shall have the power during the recess of the General Assembly to fill pro tempore vacancies in the office of full-time district court judges *if such vacancy occurs more than thirty days prior to the commencement of the next session of the General Assembly*. Such appointment to every such vacancy shall be by commission to expire at the end of thirty days after the commencement of the next session of the General Assembly.

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