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HOUSE BILL NO. 1550

House Amendments in [] — March 7, 2000

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

Patron—Kilgore

Introduced at the request of the Governor

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 [, *after consultation with each member of the legislature representing any portion of the judicial district,*] 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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