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HOUSE BILL NO. 1841

Offered January 8, 2003 Prefiled January 7, 2003

A BILL to amend and reenact § 47.1-5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to notaries.

Patron—Reese

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 47.1-5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 47.1-5. Application; endorsements.

No person shall be appointed a notary public pursuant to this chapter until he submits an application to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in a form prescribed by the appointing authority, which shall include the following:

1. The oath of the applicant, signed and sworn before some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, that the answers to all questions on the application are true and complete to the best of his knowledge and that he is qualified to be appointed and commissioned as a notary public.

2. Endorsements from two registered voters of this Commonwealth, stating that, to the best of the endorser's knowledge, the applicant is a person of sound moral character and is possessed of all the

qualifications for appointment set forth in this chapter.

3. A statement signed by any judge, clerk or deputy clerk of any court of this Commonwealth, or by any attorney for the Commonwealth or assistant attorney for the Commonwealth, or by the Attorney General or any of his assistants, or by any member of the General Assembly, that such official has examined the application and recommends the applicant for appointment.

4. An application fee as set forth in § 2.2-409; however, such fee shall be waived for an application filed by a clerk or deputy clerk of a circuit or general district court.