

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 53.1-120 of the Code of Virginia, relating to courthouse security.*

3 [S 1069]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 53.1-120 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**7 § 53.1-120. Sheriff to provide for courthouse and courtroom security; designation of deputies for such  
8 purpose; assessment.9 A. Each sheriff shall ensure that the courthouses and courtrooms within his jurisdiction are secure  
10 from violence and disruption and shall designate deputies for this purpose. A list of such designations  
11 shall be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services.12 B. The chief circuit court judge, the chief general district court judge and the chief juvenile and  
13 domestic relations district court judge shall be responsible by agreement with the sheriff of the  
14 jurisdiction for the designation of courtroom security deputies for their respective courts. If the  
15 respective chief judges and sheriff are unable to agree on the number, type and working schedules of  
16 courtroom security deputies for the court, the matter shall be referred to the Compensation Board for  
17 resolution in accordance with existing budgeted funds and personnel.18 C. The sheriff shall have the sole responsibility for the identity of the deputies designated for  
19 courtroom security.20 D. ~~(Expires July 1, 2004)~~ Any county or city, through its governing body, may assess a sum not in  
21 excess of ~~five dollars~~ \$5 as part of the costs in each criminal or traffic case in its district or circuit court  
22 in which the defendant is convicted of a violation of any statute or ordinance. If a town provides court  
23 facilities for a county, the governing body of the county shall return to the town a portion of the  
24 assessments collected based on the number of criminal and traffic cases originating and heard in the  
25 town. The imposition of such assessment shall be by ordinance of the governing body that may provide  
26 for different sums in the circuit courts and district courts. The assessment shall be collected by the clerk  
27 of the court in which the case is heard, remitted to the treasurer of the appropriate county or city and  
28 held by such treasurer subject to appropriation by the governing body to the sheriff's office for the  
29 funding of courthouse security personnel. ~~The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2004.~~

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