

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-2902.1, relating to the Virginia*
3 *Personnel Act; rights of employees to contact elected officials.*

4 [H 2872]

5 Approved

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7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-2902.1 as follows:**9 *§ 2.2-2902.1. Rights of state employees to contact elected officials.*

10 *Nothing in this chapter or Chapter 12 (§ 2.2-1200 et seq.) of this title shall be construed to prohibit*
11 *or otherwise restrict the right of any state employee to express opinions to state or local elected officials*
12 *on matters of public concern, nor shall a state employee be subject to acts of retaliation because the*
13 *employee has expressed such opinions.*

14 *For the purposes of this section "matters of public concern" means those matters of interest to the*
15 *community as a whole, whether for social, political, or other reasons and shall include discussions that*
16 *disclose any (i) evidence of corruption, impropriety, or other malfeasance on the part of government*
17 *officials; (ii) violations of law; or (iii) incidence of fraud, abuse, or gross mismanagement.*

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