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SENATE BILL NO. 900

Senate Amendments in [] — January 28, 2005

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-4303 of the Code of Virginia, relating to agricultural and forestal districts' application processing fees.

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Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-4303 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-4303. Power of localities to enact ordinances; application form and fees; maps; sample form.

A. Each locality shall have the authority to promulgate forms and to enact ordinances to effectuate this chapter. The locality may charge a reasonable fee for each application submitted pursuant to this chapter [; such fee shall not exceed \$300 or the costs of processing and reviewing an application, whichever is less ; such fee shall not exceed \$300 \$500 or the costs of processing and reviewing an application, whichever is less] .

B. The locality shall prescribe application forms for districts that include but need not be limited to the following information:

1. The general location of the district;
2. The total acreage in the district or acreage to be added to an existing district;
3. The name, address, and signature of each landowner applying for creation of a district or an addition to an existing district and the acreage each owner owns within the district or addition;
4. The conditions proposed by the applicant pursuant to § 15.2-4309;
5. The period before first review proposed by the applicant pursuant to § 15.2-4309; and
6. The date of application, date of final action by the local governing body and whether approved, modified or rejected.

C. The application form shall be accompanied by a United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute topographic map that clearly shows the boundaries of the district and each addition and boundaries of properties owned by each applicant. A Department of Transportation general highway map for the locality that shows the general location of the proposed district shall also accompany each application form.

D. The following sample form illustrates the minimum requirements of this section:

APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF OR ADDITION TO AGRICULTURAL, FORESTAL OR AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT

(A copy of this completed form and required maps shall be submitted by the applicant landowners to the local governing body. This form shall be accompanied by United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute topographic maps that clearly show the boundaries of the district or addition and the boundaries of the property each applicant owns within the district or addition. A Department of Transportation general highway map for the locality that shows the general location of the district or addition shall also accompany this form.)

SECTION A: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

1. GENERAL LOCATION OF THE DISTRICT (CITY, COUNTY OR TOWN)
2. TOTAL ACREAGE IN THE DISTRICT OR ADDITION
3. LANDOWNERS APPLYING FOR THE DISTRICT

NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	WITNESS	TOTAL	LAND BOOK
(current		ACREAGE	REFERENCE		legal
N NUMBER		residence)		THE DISTRICT	-
		OR ADDITION			

4. THE PROPOSED CONDITIONS TO CREATION OF THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO § 15.2-4309 of the Code of Virginia

5. THE PROPOSED PERIOD BEFORE FIRST REVIEW

SECTION B: TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

1. Date submitted to the local governing body
2. Date referred to the local planning commission
3. Date referred to the advisory committee

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57 4. Date of action by the local governing body

58 _ Approved _ Modified _ Rejected

59 E. For each notice required by this chapter to be sent to a landowner, notice shall be sent by
60 first-class mail to the last known address of such owner as shown on the application hereunder or on the
61 current real estate tax assessment books or maps. A representative of the local planning commission or
62 local governing body shall make affidavit that such mailing has been made and file such affidavit with
63 the papers in the case.