071131303 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2446** 2 3 4 Offered January 10, 2007 Prefiled January 9, 2007 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 15.2 a section 5 numbered 15.2-542, relating to county executive form of government; housing assistance. 6 Patrons—Frederick and Miller, J.H. 7 8 Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 15.2 a 11 section numbered 15.2-542 as follows: 12 § 15.2-542. Employee benefits; residence in county. 13 14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the county board, in order to ensure its competitiveness as an employer, may by ordinance provide for the use of funds, other than state funds, to provide **15** grants, loans, and other assistance for county and school board employees, as well as employees of 16 17 local constitutional officers, to purchase or rent residences, for use as the employee's principal

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residence, within the county.