

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to arts and cultural*  
3 *districts.*

4 [H 432]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-1129.1. Creation of arts and cultural district.

9 A. The Cities of Alexandria, Charlottesville, Falls Church, Harrisonburg, *Manassas*, Petersburg, and  
10 Winchester and the Towns of Blacksburg and Chincoteague may by ordinance establish within their  
11 boundaries an arts and cultural district for the purpose of increasing awareness and support for the arts  
12 and culture in the locality. Each locality may provide incentives for the support and creation of arts and  
13 cultural venues in the district. Each locality may also grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory  
14 flexibility in an arts and cultural district.

15 B. The tax incentives may be provided for up to 10 years and may include, but not be limited to: (i)  
16 reduction of permit fees; (ii) reduction of user fees; and (iii) reduction of any type of gross receipts tax.  
17 The extent and duration of such incentive proposals shall conform to the requirements of the  
18 Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States.

19 C. Each locality may also provide for regulatory flexibility in such zone which may include, but not  
20 be limited to: (i) special zoning for the district; (ii) permit process reform; (iii) exemption from  
21 ordinances; and (iv) any other incentive adopted by ordinance, which shall be binding upon the locality  
22 for a period of up to 10 years.

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