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## HOUSE BILL NO. 778

Offered January 9, 2008

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 55-2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the recordation of deeds.*

Patron—Kilgore

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 55-2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 55-2. When deed or will necessary to convey estate; no parol partition or gift valid.

No estate of inheritance or freehold or for a term of more than five years in lands shall be conveyed unless by deed or will, nor shall any voluntary partition of lands by coparceners, having such an estate therein, be made, except by deed; nor shall any right to a conveyance of any such estate or term in land accrue to the donee of the land or those claiming under him, under a gift or promise of gift of the same not in writing, although such gift or promise be followed by possession thereunder and improvement of the land by the donee or those claiming under him.

*Whenever real property is conveyed or transferred by deed, the deed shall be filed for recordation, pursuant to § 17.1-228, within 120 days of the transaction that conveyed or transferred the deed or such conveyance or transferal is void.*

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