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HOUSE BILL NO. 1733

Offered January 14, 2009 Prefiled January 6, 2009

A BILL to amend Chapter 12 of the Acts of Assembly of 1987, which provided a charter for the County of Chesterfield, by adding a section numbered 5.6, relating to the clerk of the circuit court.

Patrons—Cox, Dance, Ingram, Loupassi and Nixon

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That Chapter 12 of the Acts of Assembly of 1987 is amended by adding a section numbered 5.6 as follows:

§ 5.6. Salary of office of the clerk of the circuit court.—Notwithstanding any provision of general law, the clerk of the circuit court of the county shall be paid a salary as provided by law, which salary shall be in full compensation for services performed as clerk of the circuit court and shall be in lieu of the retention by the clerk of any and all clerk's fees and commissions received and collected pursuant to statute and local ordinance, and the county shall provide for the payment of the clerk's salary out of the general fund of the county. The expenses of the office of the clerk, including compensation of deputies and employees, shall, if approved through the county's budget adoption process, be likewise paid out of the general fund of the county on duly authenticated vouchers, when and as such expenses are incurred, or may become due and payable.

All clerk's fees and commissions received or collected by the clerk of the circuit court for the performance of the clerk's official duties pursuant to statute and local ordinance shall be paid into the general fund of the county, and all clerk's fees and commissions hereafter receivable by law or ordinance shall continue to be paid to and collected by the clerk and shall be paid into the general fund of the county. All other provisions of the Constitution of Virginia and the Code of Virginia not inconsistent with this section shall remain in full force and effect.