

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 1735]

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~~ *Any locality* may by ordinance establish
11 within ~~their~~ *its* boundaries an arts and cultural district for the purpose of increasing awareness and
12 support for the arts and culture in the locality. Each locality may provide incentives for the support and
13 creation of arts and cultural venues in the district. Each locality may also grant tax incentives and
14 provide certain regulatory 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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