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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1899**

House Amendments in [ ] - January 26, 2009

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-343 of the Code of Virginia, relating to appointment of jury commissioners.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Watts

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That § 8.01-343 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 8.01-343. Appointment of jury commissioners.

The judge of each circuit court in which juries are impaneled shall, prior to the first day of [ July ] [ ~~November~~ ] in each year, appoint for the next ensuing year ending on the following first day of [ July ] [ ~~November~~ ] not less than two nor more than fifteen persons as jury commissioners, who shall be competent to serve as jurors under the provisions of this chapter, and shall be citizens of intelligence, morality, and integrity. [ *The judge of the circuit court with the urban county form of government may impanel jury commissioners at any time prior to the first day of November in each year.* ] Any one judge of the judicial circuit may make such appointment under this section. No practicing attorney-at-law, however, shall be appointed as a jury commissioner. Such appointment shall be certified by the judge to the clerk of the court for which the appointment is made, who shall enter the same on the civil order book of such court. No jury commissioner shall be eligible to reappointment for at least three years after the expiration of the year for which he was appointed. For the purpose of this section, the two divisions of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond shall be deemed to be separate courts.

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