090872216 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 1434 2 3** Offered January 16, 2009 A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-300 of the Code of Virginia, relating to term of the chief justice. Patron—Cuccinelli 5 6 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 7 8 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 9 1. That § 17.1-300 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 17.1-300. Composition of Court; quorum; Chief Justice. The Supreme Court shall consist of seven justices, any four of whom convened shall constitute a 10 11

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