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HOUSE BILL NO. 283

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-79 of the Code of Virginia, relating to electronic filing of civil actions.*

Patrons—Albo, Athey and Lingamfelter

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 16.1-79 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-79. Actions brought on warrant; electronic filing.

A. A civil action in a general district court may be brought by warrant directed to the sheriff or to any other person authorized to serve process in such county or city, requiring the person against whom the claim is asserted to appear before the court on a certain day, not exceeding ~~sixty~~ 60 days from the date of service thereof, to answer the complaint of the plaintiff set out in the warrant. After the warrant has been issued and delivered for service it shall not be altered, nor any blank filled, except by order of the court.

B. *The Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall permit an electronic interface with the case management system for the general district courts for the purpose of enabling private vendors to file electronically civil actions in the general district courts. The electronic interface shall be limited to the submittal of civil actions on uniform court forms provided by the Executive Secretary, and the private vendors shall not have access to any information in the case management system for the general district courts nor shall any downloads of such information be permitted. The private vendor shall comply with the security and data standards established by the Executive Secretary for any such interface.*

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