

10104923D

HOUSE BILL NO. 283

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 3, 2010)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Albo)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 16.1 a section numbered § 16.1-79.1, relating to electronic filing of civil actions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 16.1 a section numbered § 16.1-79.1 as follows:

§ 16.1-79.1. Electronic filing of civil cases.

The general district courts shall accept case data in an electronic format for any civil action filed. The use of the electronic transfer shall be at the option of the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney, and if electronic transfer is utilized, the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney shall comply with the security and data configuration standards established by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court. If electronic transfer is utilized, the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney shall be responsible for filing with the clerk of the general district court the paper copies of any pleading for the proper processing of such civil actions as otherwise required by law.