10100820D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 68** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 13, 2010 Prefiled December 28, 2009 A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-185 of the Code of Virginia, relating to preliminary hearing; testimony reduced to writing. 6 Patron—Toscano 7 8 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 19.2-185 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 § 19.2-185. Testimony may be reduced to writing and subscribed. 12 When the judge deems it proper, the testimony of the witnesses may be reduced to writing, and, if 13 required by him, shall be signed by them respectively. 14 The judge of the court of record to which the case may be or has been certified, or the district court 15 judge conducting the preliminary hearing, may order the testimony of the witnesses at the preliminary 16 hearing to be reduced to writing.