

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1627 of the Code of Virginia, relating to duties of attorneys for the*
3 *Commonwealth and their assistants.*

4 [H 1809]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-1627 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-1627. Duties of attorneys for the Commonwealth and their assistants.

9 A. No attorney for the Commonwealth, or assistant attorney for the Commonwealth, shall be required
10 to carry out any duties as a part of his office in civil matters of advising the governing body and all
11 boards, departments, agencies, officials and employees of his county or city; of drafting or preparing
12 county or city ordinances; of defending or bringing actions in which the county or city, or any of its
13 boards, departments or agencies, or officials and employees thereof, shall be a party; or in any other
14 manner of advising or representing the county or city, its boards, departments, agencies, officials and
15 employees, except in matters involving the enforcement of the criminal law within the county or city.

16 B. The attorney for the Commonwealth and assistant attorney for the Commonwealth shall be a part
17 of the department of law enforcement of the county or city in which he is elected or appointed, and
18 shall have the duties and powers imposed upon him by general law, including the duty of prosecuting
19 all warrants, indictments or informations charging a felony, and he may in his discretion, prosecute
20 Class 1, 2 and 3 misdemeanors, or any other violation, the conviction of which carries a penalty of
21 confinement in jail, or a fine of \$500 or more, or both such confinement and fine. He shall enforce all
22 forfeitures, and carry out all duties imposed upon him by § 2.2-3126. *He may enforce the provisions of*
23 *subsection D of § 18.2-268.3.*

24 **2. That an emergency exists and the provisions of this act shall become effective upon passage.**

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