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SENATE BILL NO. 845

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 7, 2011)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Petersen)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-223.3, relating to legislative speech or debate of local elected officials.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 8.01-223.3 as follows:

§ 8.01-223.3. Legislative speech or debate of local elected officials.

An elected member of a local governing body shall not be compelled by law to be questioned on any speech or debate engaged in by the elected member during the exercise of his legislative powers without leave of court. However, the provisions of this section shall not restrict the power of the local governing body to regulate the conduct of its members.

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