

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1609.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to allocation of*
3 *law-enforcement deputies.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 15.2-1609.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-1609.1. Number of deputies.

9 Except as provided in § 15.2-1603, the respective number of full-time deputies appointed by the
10 sheriff of a county or city shall be fixed by the Compensation Board after receiving such
11 recommendation of the board of supervisors of the county or the council of the city, as the case may be,
12 as the board of supervisors or city council may desire to make. Such recommendation, if any, shall be
13 made to the Compensation Board on or before April 1 of each year. In any county without a police
14 force *or any city without a police force that was created by the consolidation of a city and a county*
15 *subsequent to July 1, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 35 (§ 15.2-3500 et seq.),* upon the
16 request of the board of supervisors of such county *or the council of such city*, the number of such
17 law-enforcement deputies shall be fixed at not less than one such deputy for each 1,500 population in
18 such county *or city* excluding the population served by state educational institution police departments if
19 the sheriff's department does not provide the majority of the law-enforcement activities to such
20 population according to uniform crime reports compiled by the Department of State Police. The
21 Compensation Board shall also consider any agreement the sheriff may have pursuant to § 15.2-1726
22 and any obligation he may have pursuant to this section to provide law enforcement for towns *or*
23 *townships* in fixing the number of deputies. The governing body of any county or city may employ a
24 greater number of law-enforcement deputies than fixed by the Compensation Board, provided that the
25 county or city shall pay the total compensation and all employer costs for such additional deputies.

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