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SENATE BILL NO. 825

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
on January 23, 2013)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Garrett)

*A BILL to allow easy access to land records for use by the courts in indigency determinations.***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. § 1. The Supreme Court of Virginia, using existing funds, shall make available to the courts of the Commonwealth a common access to databases containing land records and that use the Supreme Court of Virginia-provided land records software for use by the courts in indigency determinations. Those entities that use the Supreme Court of Virginia-provided land records software are Alexandria Circuit, Alleghany Circuit, Augusta Circuit, Bath Circuit, Bland Circuit, Botetourt Circuit, Bristol Circuit, Brunswick Circuit, Buchanan Circuit, Buena Vista Circuit, Campbell Circuit, Charles Circuit, Charlotte Circuit, Craig Circuit, Culpeper Circuit, Danville Circuit, Dickenson Circuit, Dinwiddie Circuit, Essex Circuit, Floyd Circuit, Franklin Circuit, Frederick Circuit, Fredericksburg Circuit, Gloucester Circuit, Goochland Circuit, Grayson Circuit, Greensville Circuit, Halifax Circuit, Hampton Circuit, Henry Circuit, Highland Circuit, Hopewell Circuit, King and Queen Circuit, King William Circuit, Lancaster Circuit, Lee Circuit, Lunenburg Circuit, Lynchburg Circuit, Madison Circuit, Mathews Circuit, Mecklenburg Circuit, Middlesex Circuit, Nelson Circuit, Newport News Circuit, Norfolk Circuit, Northampton Circuit, Orange Circuit, Patrick Circuit, Pittsylvania Circuit, Portsmouth Circuit, Prince George Circuit, Pulaski Circuit, Rappahannock Circuit, Richmond City Circuit, Roanoke City Circuit, Roanoke County Circuit, Rockbridge Circuit, Russell Circuit, Salem Circuit, Shenandoah Circuit, Smyth Circuit, Southampton Circuit, Stafford Circuit, Staunton Circuit, Suffolk Circuit, Tazewell Circuit, Warren Circuit, Washington Circuit, Waynesboro Circuit, and Williamsburg Circuit.

§ 2. The Supreme Court of Virginia, using existing funds, shall conduct a study to determine the most cost-effective approach to make available to the courts of the Commonwealth a common access to the remaining databases containing land records and that do not use the Supreme Court of Virginia-provided land records software for use by the courts in indigency determinations. This study shall be made available to the Governor of Virginia and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2013.