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HOUSE BILL NO. 477

Offered January 8, 2014 Prefiled January 6, 2014

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 17.1-279.1, relating to additional assessment for electronic summons system.

Patrons—Villanueva and Surovell

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 17.1-279.1 as follows: § 17.1-279.1. Additional assessment for electronic summons system.

Any county or city, through its governing body, may assess an additional sum not in excess of \$5 as part of the costs in each criminal or traffic case in the district or circuit courts located within its boundaries in which the defendant is charged with a violation of any statute or ordinance. The imposition of such assessment shall be by ordinance of the governing body, which may provide for different sums in circuit courts and district courts. The assessment shall be collected by the clerk of the court in which the action is filed, remitted to the treasurer of the appropriate county or city, and held by such treasurer subject to disbursements by the governing body to a local law-enforcement agency solely to fund software, hardware, and associated equipment costs for the implementation and maintenance of an electronic summons system.