

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-3201 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the continuation of the*  
3 *moratorium on annexation by cities.*

4 [S 312]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-3201 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 15.2-3201. Temporary restrictions on granting of city charters, filing annexation notices,**  
9 **institutions of annexation proceedings and county immunity proceedings.**

10 Beginning January 1, 1987, and terminating on the first to occur of (i) July 1, 2018, or (ii) the July 1  
11 next following the expiration of any biennium, other than the 1998-2000, 2000-2002, 2002-2004,  
12 2006-2008, 2008-2010, 2010-2012, ~~and~~ 2012-2014, *and 2014-2016* bienniums, during which the General  
13 Assembly appropriated for distribution to localities for aid in their law-enforcement expenditures  
14 pursuant to Article 8 (§ 9.1-165 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 an amount that is less than the total  
15 amount required to be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to subsection A of § 9.1-169, no city shall  
16 file against any county an annexation notice with the Commission on Local Government pursuant to  
17 § 15.2-2907, and no city shall institute an annexation court action against any county under any  
18 provision of this chapter except a city that filed an annexation notice before the Commission on Local  
19 Government prior to January 1, 1987. During the same period, with the exception of a charter for a  
20 proposed consolidated city, no city charter shall be granted or come into force and no suit or notice  
21 shall be filed to secure a city charter. However, the foregoing shall not prohibit the institution of nor  
22 require the stay of an annexation proceeding or the filing of an annexation notice for the purpose of  
23 implementing an annexation agreement, the extent, terms and conditions of which have been agreed  
24 upon by a county and city; nor shall the foregoing prohibit the institution of or require the stay of an  
25 annexation proceeding by a city which, prior to January 1, 1987, commenced a proceeding before the  
26 Commission on Local Government to review a proposed voluntary settlement pursuant to § 15.2-3400;  
27 nor shall the foregoing prohibit the institution of or require the stay of any annexation proceeding  
28 commenced pursuant to § 15.2-2907 or 15.2-3203, except that no such proceeding may be commenced  
29 by a city against any county, nor shall any city be a petitioner in any annexation proceeding instituted  
30 pursuant to § 15.2-3203.

31 Beginning January 1, 1988, and terminating on the first to occur of (i) July 1, 2018, or (ii) the July 1  
32 next following the expiration of any biennium, other than the 1998-2000, 2000-2002, 2002-2004,  
33 2006-2008, 2008-2010, 2010-2012, ~~and~~ 2012-2014, *and 2014-2016* bienniums, during which the General  
34 Assembly appropriated for distribution to localities for aid in their law-enforcement expenditures  
35 pursuant to Article 8 (§ 9.1-165 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 an amount that is less than the total  
36 amount required to be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to subsection A of § 9.1-169, no county  
37 shall file a notice or petition pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 29 (§ 15.2-2900 et seq.) or Chapter  
38 33 (§ 15.2-3300 et seq.) requesting total or partial immunity from city-initiated annexation and from the  
39 incorporation of new cities within its boundaries. However, the foregoing shall not prohibit the  
40 institution of nor require the stay of an immunity proceeding or the filing of an immunity notice for the  
41 purpose of implementing an immunity agreement, the extent, terms and conditions of which have been  
42 agreed upon by a county and city.

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