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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46**

Senate Amendments in [ ] — January 21, 2014

*Requesting the Department of Transportation to study the location of its regional Hampton Roads office. Report.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the current location of the regional Hampton Roads office is on North Main Street, Route 460, in Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads highway construction district has more than 730 miles of primary highway, almost 4,000 miles of secondary highway, more than 4,700 miles of urban roads, and more than 160 miles of interstate highway; and

WHEREAS, the regional office for the Hampton Roads highway construction district serves the Counties of Accomack, Greensville, Isle of Wight, James City, [ Northampton, ] Southampton, Surry, Sussex, and York and the Cities of Chesapeake, Emporia, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, [ Northampton, ] Poquoson, Portsmouth, [ Suffolk, ] and Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation maintains eight major bridges and tunnels in Hampton Roads; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Transportation be requested to study the location of its regional Hampton Roads office. The Department shall consider real estate, financial, and environmental factors to determine if a new location of the Hampton Roads office could better serve the Hampton Roads highway construction district.

In conducting its study, the Department of Transportation shall consult with each of the counties and cities within the Hampton Roads highway construction district to determine the optimal location for a regional office.

Technical assistance shall be provided to the Department of Transportation by the City of Suffolk. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department of Transportation for this study, upon request.

The Department of Transportation shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2014, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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