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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1282**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 16.1-69.9:5, 17.1-300.1, 17.1-400.1, and 17.1-512.1, relating to limitation on election and appointment of judges.*

Patrons—Spruill, Hester and Joannou; Senators: Dance and Locke

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 sections numbered 16.1-69.9:5, 17.1-300.1, 17.1-400.1, and 17.1-512.1 as follows:**

**§ 16.1-69.9:5. Limitation on election and appointment of judges.**

No person elected or appointed to an original term as a judge shall be an immediate family member of a (i) member of the General Assembly or (ii) former member of the General Assembly for at least 24 months after such member has ceased to be a member of the General Assembly. For the purposes of this section, the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of the General Assembly member shall be considered a member of the immediate family.

**§ 17.1-300.1. Limitation on election and appointment of justice.**

No person elected or appointed to an original term as a justice shall be an immediate family member of a (i) member of the General Assembly or (ii) former member of the General Assembly for at least 24 months after such member has ceased to be a member of the General Assembly. For the purposes of this section, the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of the General Assembly member shall be considered a member of the immediate family.

**§ 17.1-400.1. Limitation on election and appointment of judge.**

No person elected or appointed to an original term as a judge shall be an immediate family member of a (i) member of the General Assembly or (ii) former member of the General Assembly for at least 24 months after such member has ceased to be a member of the General Assembly. For the purposes of this section, the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of the General Assembly member shall be considered a member of the immediate family.

**§ 17.1-512.1. Limitation on election and appointment of judge.**

No person elected or appointed to an original term as a judge shall be an immediate family member of a (i) member of the General Assembly or (ii) former member of the General Assembly for at least 24 months after such member has ceased to be a member of the General Assembly. For the purposes of this section, the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of the General Assembly member shall be considered a member of the immediate family.

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