

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to arts and cultural*  
3 *districts.*

4 [S 1225]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 15.2-1129.1. Creation of arts and cultural districts.**

9 A. Any locality, *or combination of localities*, may by ordinance, *or in the case of multiple localities*  
10 *by substantially similar ordinances*, establish within ~~its~~ *the* boundaries of *such localities* one or more arts  
11 and cultural districts for the purpose of increasing awareness and support for the arts and culture in the  
12 locality. The locality may provide incentives for the support and creation of arts and cultural venues in  
13 each district. The locality may also grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory flexibility in each  
14 arts and cultural district.

15 B. The tax incentives for each district may be provided for up to 10 years and may include, but not  
16 be limited to: (i) reduction of permit fees; (ii) reduction of user fees; (iii) reduction of any type of gross  
17 receipts tax; and (iv) rebate of real estate property taxes. The extent and duration of such incentive  
18 proposals shall conform to the requirements of the Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States.

19 C. Each locality may also provide for regulatory flexibility in each district that may include, but not  
20 be limited to: (i) special zoning for the district; (ii) permit process reform; (iii) exemption from  
21 ordinances; and (iv) any other incentive adopted by ordinance, which shall be binding upon the locality  
22 for a period of up to 10 years.

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