

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-943.1 and to repeal*  
3 *§ 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to arts and cultural districts.*

4 [H 233]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-943.1 as follows:**8 **§ 15.2-943.1. *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 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*  
12 *the locality. The locality may provide incentives for the support and creation of arts and cultural venues*  
13 *in each district. The locality may also grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory flexibility in*  
14 *each 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.*

23 **2. That § 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**24 **3. That the provisions of this act are declaratory of existing law.**

25 **4. That the provisions of the second enactment of this act shall not affect the powers of any**  
26 **locality that has adopted an ordinance pursuant to § 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia prior to**  
27 **the effective date of this act.**

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