

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 17.1-258.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to acceptability of electronic*
3 *medium; record of criminal proceedings to appellate court.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 17.1-258.6 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 17.1-258.6. Acceptability of electronic medium; submission of trial court record to appellate**
9 **court.**

10 A. In connection with civil *or criminal* proceedings in circuit court, any statutory requirement for an
11 original, original paper, paper, record, document, facsimile, memorandum, exhibit, certification, or
12 transcript shall be satisfied if such is in an electronic form approved for filing under the Rules of
13 Supreme Court of Virginia. However, this section shall not apply to documents the form of which is
14 specified in any statute governing the creation and execution of wills, codicils, testamentary trusts,
15 premarital agreements, and negotiable instruments.

16 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any statutory authorization for the use of copies or
17 reproductions in civil *or criminal* proceedings in circuit court shall be satisfied by use of such copies or
18 reproductions in hard copy or electronic form approved for filing under the Rules of Supreme Court of
19 Virginia.

20 C. Any clerk of a circuit court with an electronic filing system that complies with the Rules of
21 Supreme Court of Virginia may provide the trial court record in electronic form to the appropriate clerk
22 of any appellate court. The clerk of the Supreme Court and the clerk of the Court of Appeals shall
23 accept the official civil or criminal record in electronic form as otherwise required by law.

24 D. The Rules of Supreme Court of Virginia shall not prohibit the use of a private vendor electronic
25 filing system if such system is in compliance with the filing standards established by the Court.

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