

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1646 of the Code of Virginia, relating to expansion of courthouses.*

3 [S 538]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 15.2-1646 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**7 **§ 15.2-1646. Certification of result to board of supervisors; procuring land and buildings;**
8 **relocation to contiguous land.**9 If it appears from the returns that a majority of the votes cast at the election specified in § 15.2-1644
10 are for the removal of the courthouse to one of the places specified in the petition or resolution, the
11 results shall be certified to the board of supervisors of the county, with the amount authorized to be
12 expended for land, if not donated, and for necessary buildings and improvements. If the vote is for
13 removal, the board of supervisors shall at once proceed to acquire the necessary land at the new
14 location, if the same has not been donated, and to erect the necessary buildings and improvements.15 The relocation *or expansion* of a courthouse to land contiguous with its present location, including
16 contiguous property directly across a public right-of-way, and within the same county *or city* is not such
17 a removal as to require authorization by the electorate.18 The provisions of these sections requiring authorization by the electorate shall not apply, in the case
19 of a joint court system, between Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville, James City County
20 and the City of Williamsburg, York County and the City of Poquoson, and Greensville County and the
21 City of Emporia, to the relocation of the courthouse to other land within the localities which it serves,
22 from its present location, if the governing bodies find by concurrent resolutions that the existing
23 courthouse is inadequate and that renovation or expansion of the existing courthouse is not feasible.

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