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HOUSE BILL NO. 1702

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-126 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Library of Virginia; disposition of official correspondence of the Governor.*

Patrons—Gilbert, Cole, Fariss, Helsel, Hugo, Landes, LaRock, McNamara, Poindexter, Ransone, Thomas and Webert

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-126 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-126. Disposition of official correspondence.

A. Before the end of his term of office, the Governor shall have delivered to The Library of Virginia for safekeeping all correspondence and other records of his office during his term. This section shall not apply to correspondence or other records of a strictly personal or private nature, or active files necessary for the transaction of business by the Office of the Governor, the decision thereon to be made by the Governor after consultation with the Librarian of Virginia.

~~Records~~ B. *Correspondence and other records* delivered to The Library of Virginia pursuant to this section shall be catalogued and made accessible to the public, ~~once cataloging has been completed~~ within one year of the date of delivery of such correspondence and records.

~~B.~~ C. Should any subsequent Governor need such records for the transaction of business of the Office of the Governor, the records may be reviewed at the Library and copied, if necessary, but the Governor and his staff shall ensure that the original records are preserved intact and remain in The Library of Virginia.

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