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# HOUSE BILL NO. 726

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-2226 and 15.2-2229 of the Code of Virginia, relating to comprehensive plan.*

Patrons—Reid, Delaney and Gooditis; Senator: Vogel

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

**1. That §§ 15.2-2226 and 15.2-2229 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 15.2-2226. Adoption or disapproval of plan by governing body."**

After certification of the plan or part thereof, the governing body shall post the comprehensive plan or part thereof certified by the local planning commission on a website that is maintained by the governing body or on any other website on which the governing body generally posts information, and that is available to the public or that clearly describes how the public may access information regarding the plan or part thereof being considered for adoption. After a public hearing with notice as required by § 15.2-2204, the governing body shall proceed to a consideration of the plan or part thereof and shall approve and adopt, amend and adopt, or disapprove the plan. In acting on the plan or part thereof, or any amendments to the plan, the governing body shall act within ~~ninety~~ *90* days of the local planning commission's recommending resolution*; however, if a comprehensive plan amendment is initiated by the locality, the governing body shall act within 180 days of the local planning commission's recommending resolution*. Any comprehensive plan or part thereof adopted by the governing body pursuant to this section shall be posted on a website that is maintained by the local governing body or on any other website on which the governing body generally posts information, and that is available to the public or that clearly describes how the public may access information regarding the plan or part thereof adopted by the local governing body. Inadvertent failure to post information on a website in accordance with this section shall not invalidate action taken by the governing body following notice and public hearing as required herein.

**§ 15.2-2229. Amendments.**

After the adoption of a comprehensive plan, all amendments to it shall be recommended, and approved and adopted, respectively, as required by § 15.2-2204. If the governing body desires an amendment, it may prepare such amendment and refer it to the local planning commission for public hearing or direct the local planning commission to prepare an amendment and submit it to public hearing within 60 days or such longer timeframe as may be specified after written request by the governing body. In acting on any amendments to the plan, the governing body shall act within 90 days of the local planning commission's recommending resolution*; however, if a comprehensive plan amendment is initiated by the locality, the governing body shall act within 180 days of the local planning commission's recommending resolution*. If the local planning commission fails to make a recommendation on the amendment within the aforesaid timeframe, the governing body may conduct a public hearing, which shall be advertised as required by § 15.2-2204.