

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1996

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A *BILL to require the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to review the Summons for Unlawful Detainer Form; report.*

Patrons—Herring, Bennett-Parker and Kory

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia shall review Form DC-421, Summons for Unlawful Detainer (Civil Claim for Eviction), and (i) evaluate ways to simplify such form and make such form more accessible for pro se parties and (ii) develop recommendations to (a) clarify the steps pro se defendants shall take in order to ensure a timely response to the filing of such form and proper actions such party shall take to respond to such filing and (b) ensure that such form is made available in a manner that is accessible to individuals with limited English proficiency through the provision of language access services, including oral interpretation and written translations.*

The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia shall submit a report of its evaluations and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee for Courts of Justice and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary by November 1, 2023.

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