

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

CHAPTER 576

An Act to amend and reenact § 16.1-122.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to small claims courts.

[H 1120]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 16.1-122.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-122.1. Small claims court; designated.

Each general district court in any judicial district encompassing (i) a county having a population in excess of 300,000, and (ii) beginning on July 1, 1991, and continuing through June 30, 1993, a county having a population of more than 152,000 and less than 153,000, according to the 1980 United States Census shall have a small claims division which shall be designated the small claims court. *Additionally, the governing body of any other county or city may adopt an ordinance seeking to establish within the general district court in its locality a small claims division, which shall be designated a small claims court. In the event that two localities share a general district court, a small claims division shall not be established unless the governing bodies in both localities adopt such ordinance.*

An ordinance adopted pursuant to the authority of this section shall not become effective unless the General Assembly adopts an act specifically authorizing creation of a small claims division for the locality, or the localities which share a general district court.