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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1120**

Offered January 25, 1994

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

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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 The governing body of any county or city may adopt an ordinance to require the 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 its locality to have a small claims division which shall be designated the small claims court. In the event that two localities share a general district court, that court shall not be required to have such a small claims division unless the governing bodies in both localities adopt such ordinance.