

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

3 [H 1120]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 16.1-122.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 16.1-122.1. Small claims court; designated.

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

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

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