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HOUSE BILL NO. 1249

Offered January 25, 1994

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.1-9.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to office of county attorney.*

Patrons—Cox, DeBoer, Ingram, Martin and Watkins; Senator: Russell

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.1-9.1:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.1-9.1:1. Creation of office of county attorney authorized; appointment, salary and duties.

Except as provided in § 15.1-9.1, the governing body of any county may create the office of county attorney. Such county attorney shall be appointed by the governing body to serve at the pleasure of the governing body. He shall serve at a salary to be fixed by the governing body. In the event of the appointment of such county attorney, the attorney for the Commonwealth of any such county shall be relieved of any duty imposed upon him by law in civil matters of advising the governing body and all boards, departments, agencies, officials and employees, of the county, of drafting or preparing county ordinances, of defending or bringing actions in which the county or any of its boards, departments or agencies, or officials or employees, thereof, shall be a party, and in any other manner advising or representing the county, its boards, departments, agencies, officials and employees, and all such duties shall be performed by the county attorney. Nothing herein, however, shall relieve such attorney for the Commonwealth from any of the other duties imposed on him by law including those imposed by § 2.1-639.23. The county attorney may prosecute violations of *the Uniform Statewide Building Code, the Statewide Fire Prevention Code* and such county ordinances as may be agreed upon with the attorney for the Commonwealth. The county attorney shall be accountable to the governing body in the performance of his duties.

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