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HOUSE BILL NO. 3

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 30-13 and 30-14 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the operation of the House Clerk's Office.

Patrons—Cranwell, Ball, Diamonstein, Heilig, Moss and Wilkins

Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 30-13 and 30-14 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 30-13. Other duties of Clerk of House of Delegates; publication of proposed amendments to Constitution.

In addition to such duties as may be prescribed by the rules of the House of Delegates, the Clerk thereof shall at the end of the session of the General Assembly cause to be prepared a well-arranged index to the journal of the House and the documents printed during the session by order of the House. He shall cause to be printed, with the acts and joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution: joint resolutions providing for studies for legislation of each session of the General Assembly and a carefully prepared and well-arranged index of the acts and joint resolutions.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates shall cause to be published all proposed amendments to the Constitution. Such publications shall be done as follows: He shall have printed 4,000 copies for distribution from his office and to the clerk of the circuit court of each county and city two copies of such proposed amendments, one of which shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse and the other shall be made available for inspection by any citizen who may apply therefor. Every such clerk of court shall complete the posting hereby required not later than three months prior to the next ensuing general election of members of the House of Delegates and shall make return thereof to the Clerk of the House of Delegates upon the completion of such posting. All costs, the payment of which is not hereinabove provided for, shall be certified by the Clerk of the House of Delegates to the Comptroller for payment. The Clerk of the House of Delegates shall make report of the action taken by him under this paragraph to the next succeeding General Assembly.

§ 30-14. Clerk to be Keeper of the Rolls; other duties.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates shall be the Keeper of Rolls of the Commonwealth. As such, he shall cause all of the acts of the General Assembly and joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution to be enrolled on substantial paper, of uniform size, either by the use of pen and ink, typewriter, printing or lithographing, or by such other permanent and substantial method or methods as he may deem proper; and after they shall have been signed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates, he shall cause the same to be bound in durable style. He shall have the custody of the acts and resolutions of the General Assembly, and the records and papers of the House of Delegates; and, when required, shall furnish a copy of any or any part of any of them, or of any section or sections of the Code in the form published pursuant to § 9-77.9; which copy, being certified by him shall be evidence for any purpose for which the original would be received, and with as much effect. If an act or part of an act of the General Assembly has been codified and assigned a section number as a part of the Code of Virginia, by the Virginia Code Commission pursuant to § 9-77.9, he may also certify that fact. He shall, as soon as practicable after every act is passed, prepare the same for publication, and furnish to the Director of the ~~Department of Purchases and Supply~~ *Division of Legislative Automated Systems* the manuscript of all acts of the General Assembly and joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution and joint resolutions providing for studies for legislation, or a copy thereof, properly arranged for being printed. And he shall, as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the General Assembly, furnish the index and the tables required by law, and shall superintend the publication of such acts, resolutions, tables and index, in connection with the Director of the ~~Department of Purchases and Supply~~ *Division of Legislative Automated Systems*.

The provisions of ~~§ 30-14~~, *this section* concerning the manner and method of enrollment of the acts of the General Assembly shall not apply to an act to codify the laws of the Commonwealth. In the case of such legislation the bill itself or a copy thereof, with all amendments to such bill, if any there be, incorporated therein, or with such amendments or copies thereof attached to or accompanying such bill or copy of such bill, shall be taken and preserved as the enrolled bill. If any such amendments are actually incorporated in the bill, or copy of the bill, they may be so incorporated in such manner and by such method as the Clerk of the House of Delegates deems most practicable, except that the Clerk shall

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60 not, in order to accomplish such incorporation, require the entire bill to be reprinted, or require any
61 portion of the bill to be reprinted which is not affected by any amendment. Such bill or copy, with the
62 amendments or copies of the amendments as a part of the bill or copy thereof, as made up by the Clerk
63 in accordance with this section, shall be signed by the presiding officers of the Senate and House of
64 Delegates and sent in such form to the Governor for his approval.