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SENATE BILL NO. 160

Senate Amendments in [] — January 27, 1994

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.1-561 of the Code of Virginia, relating to relocation of county courthouses.*

Patrons—Norment; Delegate: Grayson

Referred to the Committee on Local Government**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 15.1-561 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.1-561. Certification of result to supervisor; procuring land and buildings; relocation to contiguous land.

If it shall appear from the abstracts and returns that a majority of the votes cast at such election are for the removal of the courthouse to one of the places specified in the petition or resolution, the results shall be certified to the board of supervisors of the county, with the amount authorized to be expended for land, if not donated, and for necessary buildings and improvements. If the vote shall be for removal the board of supervisors shall at once proceed to acquire the necessary land at the new location, if the same has not been donated, and to erect the necessary buildings and improvements.

The relocation of a courthouse to land contiguous with its present location is not such a removal as to require authorization by the electorate.

The provisions of this article requiring authorization by the electorate shall not apply, in the case of a joint court system between a county [with a population between 34,500 and 39,500] and a city, [with a population between 11,100 and 11,900] to the relocation of the courthouse to other land within the localities which it serves, from its present location, if the governing bodies shall find by concurrent resolutions that the existing courthouse is inadequate and that renovation or expansion of the existing courthouse is not feasible.

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