

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 RECONVENED SESSION

## CHAPTER 761

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 6 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-686, relating to petition and referendum requirements before abolishing a constitutional office by change in form of county government.*

[H 2230]

Approved April 6, 1995

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 6 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-686 as follows:**

*§ 24.2-686. Petition and referendum requirements; abolition of constitutional office by change in form of government.*

*The provisions of § 24.2-685 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to any county seeking to change its form of government pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 15.1 (§ 15.1-582 et seq.) if the effect of such change in form would be the abolition of an existing office created pursuant to Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution of Virginia. In such case, the circuit court may order a referendum under § 15.1-583 only if requested by a voter petition meeting the requirements of § 24.2-685. In such case, a question in substantially the following form shall be listed first on the ballot and be followed by those provided in § 15.1-584:*

*"Shall the County of . . . . . be authorized to change its form of government to one which would eliminate the elected office(s) of . . . . . ?"*

*An affirmative vote on the subsequent question or questions on the ballot shall be given effect only if a majority of those voting in the referendum have voted affirmatively on the first question to authorize such a change in the form of government.*