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HOUSE BILL NO. 1699

House Amendments in [] — February 1, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 14.1-70 of the Code of Virginia, relating to fixing number of full-time positions allotted to sheriff by Compensation Board.

Patrons—Croshaw, Abbitt, Clement, Cooper, Cunningham, Hall, Jackson, Ruff, Stump and Thomas

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 14.1-70 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 14.1-70. Number of deputies.

A. Except as provided in § 15.1-48 of the Code of Virginia, the respective number of full-time deputies positions appointed by allotted to the sheriff of a county or city shall be fixed by the Compensation Board after receiving such recommendation requests and recommendations of from the board of supervisors of the county or , the council of the city, or the sheriff, as the case may be, as the board of supervisors or , the city council, or the sheriff may desire to make. Such recommendations Requests and recommendations, if any, shall be made to the Compensation Board on or before April February 1 of each year.

B. In any county without a police force, upon:

1. Upon the request of the [board of supervisors of such the county sheriff, the council of the city, or the sheriff of such county or city,] the number of such law-enforcement deputies shall be fixed at not less than one such deputy for each 2,000 population in such county excluding the population served by state educational institution police departments if the sheriff's department does not provide the majority of the law-enforcement activities to such population according to uniform crime reports compiled by the Department of State Police. The Compensation Board shall also consider any agreement the sheriff may have pursuant to § 15.1-131.3 and any obligation he the sheriff may have pursuant to this section to provide law enforcement for towns in fixing the number of deputies.

2. Beginning July 1, 1996, and upon the request of the [sheriff board of supervisors of the county, the council of the city, or the sheriff of such county or city] , the number of law-enforcement deputies shall be fixed at not less than one such deputy for each 1,500 population excluding the populations served by state educational institution police departments if the sheriff's department does not provide the majority of the law-enforcement activities to such populations according to uniform crime reports which shall be compiled by the Department of State Police. In any county without a police force which has a population of less than 8,000, upon the request of the sheriff, the minimum number of law-enforcement deputies shall be fixed at five, if the sheriff provides the majority of law-enforcement services.

C. The governing body of any county or city may employ a greater number of law-enforcement deputies than fixed by the Compensation Board, provided that the county or city shall pay the total compensation and all employer costs for such additional deputies.

2. That no positions shall be abolished between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1997 in any sheriff's office in which the number of positions exceeds the standards established in this act. However, positions which become vacant after July 1, 1997, in any sheriff's office in which the number of positions exceeds the standards established in this act shall be reallocated by the Compensation Board to other sheriffs' offices whose staffing levels do not meet the minimum standards of this act.

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