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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1879

Offered January 20, 1995

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 14.1-44.2 and 14.1-44.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to salaries of magistrates.*

Patrons—Fisher, Callahan, Darner, Dillard, McClure, McDonnell and Orrock; Senators: Colgan, Howell and Woods

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

#### **1. That §§ 14.1-44.2 and 14.1-44.3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 14.1-44.2. Salaries to be fixed by Committee on District Courts; limitations.

Salaries of magistrates and any other personnel in the office of the magistrate shall be fixed by the Committee on District Courts established pursuant to § 16.1-69.33. Such salaries shall be fixed by the Committee at least annually at such time as it deems proper and as soon as practicable thereafter certified to the Comptroller and the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court.

In determining the salary of any magistrate, the Committee shall consider the work load of and territory and population served by the magistrate and such other factors it deems relevant. It may require of any magistrate or district judge information on the operation of the office of the magistrate.

*The governing body of any county or city may add to the fixed compensation of magistrates such amount as the governing body may appropriate with the total amount not to exceed fifty percent of the amount paid by the Commonwealth to magistrates. No additional amount paid by a local governing body shall be chargeable to the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, nor shall it remove or supersede any authority, control or supervision of the Executive Secretary or Committee on District Courts.*

§ 14.1-44.3. How salaries payable; appropriations.

The salaries fixed in accordance with the provisions of this article shall be paid in equal semimonthly installments.

The Commonwealth shall pay all of the salaries of magistrates provided under this article. *Counties or cities may use discretion in adding to the fixed compensation.*

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