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HOUSE BILL NO. 2597

House Amendments in [ ] — February 6, 1995

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-122.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to small claims courts.*

Patron—Dillard

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That § 16.1-122.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 16.1-122.1. Small claims court; designated.

Each general district court in any judicial district encompassing (i) a county having a population in excess of 300,000, and (ii) beginning on July 1, 1991, and continuing through June 30, 1993, a county having a population of more than 152,000 and less than 153,000, according to the 1980 United States Census shall have a small claims division which shall be designated the small claims court. Additionally, the governing body of any other county or city may adopt ~~an ordinance~~ *a resolution* seeking to establish within the general district court in its locality a small claims division, which shall be designated a small claims court. In the event that two localities share a general district court, a small claims division shall not be established unless the governing bodies in both localities adopt such [ ~~ordinance~~ *resolution* ] .

~~An ordinance adopted pursuant to the authority of this section shall not become effective~~ *A small claims court shall not be created in localities requesting such a court unless the General Assembly adopts an act specifically authorizing creation of a small claims division for the locality, or the localities which share a general district court.*

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