

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 16.1-122.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to small claims courts.*

3 [H 2597]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 16.1-122.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 16.1-122.1. Small claims court; designated.

8 Each general district court in any judicial district encompassing (i) a county having a population in
9 excess of 300,000, and (ii) beginning on July 1, 1991, and continuing through June 30, 1993, a county
10 having a population of more than 152,000 and less than 153,000, according to the 1980 United States
11 Census shall have a small claims division which shall be designated the small claims court. *The general*
12 *district court in the following jurisdictions may establish a small claims division to be designated a*
13 *small claims court:*14 1. *Fairfax County;*15 2. *Arlington County;*16 3. *Culpeper County;*17 4. *Stafford County;*18 5. *Lancaster County;*19 6. *Albemarle County; and*20 7. *City of Hopewell.*21 Additionally, the governing body of any other county or city may adopt ~~an ordinance~~ *a resolution*
22 seeking to establish within the general district court in its locality a small claims division, which shall
23 be designated a small claims court. In the event that two localities share a general district court, a small
24 claims division shall not be established unless the governing bodies in both localities adopt such
25 ~~ordinance~~ *resolution.*26 ~~An ordinance~~ *adopted pursuant to the authority of this section shall not become effective. A small*
27 *claims court shall not be created in localities requesting such a court unless the General Assembly*
28 *adopts an act specifically authorizing creation of a small claims division for the locality, or the localities*
29 *which share a general district court.*

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