

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 19.2-38.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to magistrates; training*  
3 *standards.*

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5 Approved

[S 876]

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

7 **1. That § 19.2-38.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 19.2-38.1. Training standards; training prerequisite to reappointment; waiver.

9 The Committee on District Courts shall establish minimum training standards for magistrates in  
10 accordance with such rules and regulations as may be established by the Committee. Every magistrate  
11 appointed to an original term commencing on or after July 1, 1980, shall comply with the minimum  
12 training standards established by the Committee on District Courts and such magistrates must complete  
13 the minimum training standards as a prerequisite for continuing to serve as magistrate beyond the  
14 six-month probationary period as established by § 19.2-38. All magistrates shall be required to complete  
15 the minimum training standards prior to reappointment for a new term. The Committee on District  
16 Courts upon request may waive any portion of the minimum training standards for an individual  
17 magistrate.

18 Every magistrate appointed to an original term commencing on or after July 1, 1985, shall be  
19 required to have a high school diploma or General Education Development Certificate.

20 *Every magistrate appointed to an original term commencing on or after July 1, 1995, shall be*  
21 *required to have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning or equivalent*  
22 *experience.*

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