

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

## CHAPTER 173

*An Act to amend and reenact § 36-96.21 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Fair Housing Law; powers of localities.*

[H 680]

Approved March 9, 1996

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

**1. That § 36-96.21 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 36-96.21. Powers of counties, cities and towns.

A. Any county, city or town which has any ordinance in effect on January 1, 1991, enacted under the Virginia Fair Housing Law (§ 36-86 et seq.), the Virginia Human Rights Act (§ 2.1-714 et seq.), or any other applicable state law may continue to enforce such ordinance and may amend the ordinance, provided the amendment is not inconsistent with this chapter. *Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit any county, city or town under this subsection from submitting amended ordinances to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for substantial equivalency pursuant to Title VIII, Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3604-3606), as amended.*

B. The governing body of any county, city or town may enact ordinances in accordance with the provisions of this chapter provided that (i) such ordinances conform to this chapter and are enacted prior to ~~July 1, 1992~~ *September 30, 1992*, and (ii) such amended ordinances are submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ~~prior to July 1, 1992~~, for a determination of substantial equivalency pursuant to Title VIII, Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3604-3606), as amended.