

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

## CHAPTER 553

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-483.1:1 and 15.1-464 of the Code of Virginia, relating to value engineering.*

[H 1143]

Approved April 3, 1996

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

**1. That §§ 2.1-483.1:1 and 15.1-464 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-483.1:1. Use of value engineering.

The Department of General Services, through its Division of Engineering and Buildings, shall ensure that value engineering is employed for any capital project costing more than five million dollars. *Value engineering may also be used for any project costing five million dollars or less.* For purposes of this section, "value engineering" means a systematic process of review and analysis of a capital project by a team of persons not originally involved in the project. Such team, which shall include appropriate professionals licensed in accordance with Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of Title 54.1, may offer suggestions that would improve project quality and reduce total project cost by combining or eliminating inefficient or expensive parts or steps in the original proposal or by totally redesigning the project using different technologies, materials, or methods.

The Director of the Department of General Services may waive the requirements of this section for any proposed capital project for compelling reasons. Any such waiver shall be in writing, state the reasons for the waiver, and apply only to a single capital project.

§ 15.1-464. Local commissions to prepare and submit annually capital improvement programs to governing body or official charged with preparation of budget.

A local commission may, and at the direction of the governing body shall, prepare and revise annually a capital improvement program based on the comprehensive plan of the county or municipality for a period not to exceed the ensuing five years. The commission shall submit the same annually to the governing body, or to the chief administrative officer or other official charged with preparation of the budget for the municipality or county, at such time as it or he shall direct. Such capital improvement program shall include the commission's recommendations, and estimates of cost of such facilities and the means of financing them, to be undertaken in the ensuing fiscal year and in a period not to exceed the next four years, as the basis of the capital budget for the county or municipality. In the preparation of its capital budget recommendations, the commission shall consult with the chief administrative officer or other executive head of the government of the county or municipality, the heads of departments and interested citizens and organizations and shall hold such public hearings as it deems necessary unless otherwise required.

*Localities may use value engineering for any capital project. For purposes of this section, "value engineering" has the same meaning as that in § 2.1-483.1:1.*