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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.1-21.2, relating to economic 3 growth-sharing agreements.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

7 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.1-21.2 as follows: 8

§ 15.1-21.2. Voluntary economic growth-sharing agreements.

9 A. Any county, city or town, or combination thereof, may enter voluntarily into an agreement with 10 any other county, city or town, or combination thereof, whereby the locality may agree for any purpose otherwise permitted, including the provision on a multi-jurisdictional basis of one or more public 11 services or facilities or any type of economic development project, to enter into binding fiscal 12 13 arrangements for fixed time periods, to exceed one year, to share in the benefits of the economic growth of their localities. However, if any such agreement contains any provision addressing any issue provided 14 for in Chapter 20.2 (§ 15.1-965.9 et seq.), 21 (§ 15.1-966 et seq.), 21.1 (§ 15.1-977.1 et seq.), 21.2 15 (§ 15.1-977.19:1 et seq.), 22 (§15.1-982.1 et seq.) or 25 (§ 15.1-1032 et seq.) of this title, the agreement 16 shall be subject to the review and implementation process established by Chapter 26.1:1 (§ 15.1-1167.1 17 18 et seq.) of this title.

19 B. The terms and conditions of the revenue, tax base or economic growth-sharing agreement as 20 provided in subsection A shall be determined by the affected localities and shall be approved by the 21 governing body of each locality participating in the agreement, provided the governing body of each 22 such locality first holds a public hearing which shall be advertised once a week for two successive 23 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality. However, the public hearing shall not take 24 place until the Commission on Local Government has issued its findings in accordance with subsection 25 D. For purposes of this section, "revenue, tax base, and economic growth-sharing agreements" means 26 any agreement authorized by subsection A which obligates any county, city or town to pay another 27 county, city or town all or any portion of designated taxes or other revenues received by that political 28 subdivision, but shall not include any interlocal service agreement.

29 C. Any revenue, tax base or economic growth-sharing agreement entered into under the provisions of 30 this section that creates a debt pursuant to Article VII, Section 10 (b) of the Constitution of Virginia, 31 shall require the board of supervisors to hold a special election on the question as provided in 32 § 15.1-1167.2.

33 D. Revenue, tax base and economic growth-sharing agreements drafted under the provisions of this 34 chapter shall be submitted to the Commission on Local Government for review as provided in subdivision 4 of § 15.1-945.3. 35

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