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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 553**

Offered January 19, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-283 of the Code of Virginia, relating to how an accused may be convicted of a felony.

Patrons—McDonnell, Albo, Callahan, Cantor, Cox, Croshaw, Davies, Drake, Dudley, Hamilton, Katzen, Marshall, Mims, O'Brien, Tata, Wagner, Wardrup and Wilkins; Senator: Stolle

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

## 1. That § 19.2-283 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-283. How accused may be convicted of felony.

No person shall be convicted of felony, unless by his confession of guilt in court, or by his plea, or by the verdict of a jury, accepted and recorded by the court, or by judgment of the court trying the case without a jury according to law. However, a defendant shall not plead guilty after a jury has returned its verdict.