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## HOUSE BILL NO. 709

Offered January 22, 1996

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3926 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reading the law to become an attorney.*

Patron—Phillips

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

#### **1. That § 54.1-3926 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 54.1-3926. Preliminary proof of education required of applicant.

In addition to the certificate required by § 54.1-3925, before taking any examination under this article the applicant shall furnish to the Board satisfactory evidence that he has:

1. Completed all degree requirements from a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Board; or

2. Received a bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited college or university and studied law for three years, in the office of an attorney practicing in this Commonwealth, whose full time is devoted to the practice of law, or studied law for at least three years partly in a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Board and partly in the practicing attorney's office. The attorney in whose office the applicant intends to study (i) shall be approved by the Board, which shall prescribe reasonable conditions as to the course of study, and (ii) may employ the applicant.

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