

# 1996 SESSION

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 206

*Requesting the Board of Housing and Community Development to include in the Uniform Statewide Building Code a two-zone map of the Commonwealth to indicate the potential of expansive soils in Virginia.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 1996  
Agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 1996

WHEREAS, the Uniform Statewide Building Code currently gives the local building official authority to require testing of soils in areas likely to have expansive or other problem soils; and

WHEREAS, where expansive or other problem soils are identified, various methods for responding to them are permitted, including removal and replacement of soils, stabilization by dewatering or other means, or the construction of special footings, foundations, or slabs; and

WHEREAS, the Council of American Building Officials provides guidance on the type of construction techniques to be employed where problem soils are present; and

WHEREAS, building codes provide for the use of appropriate construction techniques when needed, but do not directly prescribe when the need for such techniques should be determined; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Board of Housing and Community Development be requested to include in the Uniform Statewide Building Code a two-zone map of the Commonwealth (i) using data from the United States Natural Resources Conservation Service, (ii) indicating the potential of expansive soils in Virginia, and (iii) accompanied by information indicating appropriate action to be implemented by local governments pursuant to the level of expansive soils potential; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board of Housing and Community Development so that its members may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.

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