

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 RECONVENED SESSION

## CHAPTER 820

*An Act to amend and reenact § 8.01-293 of the Code of Virginia, relating to limitations on use of private process servers.*

[H 1648]

Approved April 2, 1997

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

**1. That § 8.01-293 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 8.01-293. Who to serve process.

A. The following persons are authorized to serve process:

1. The sheriff within such territorial bounds as described in § 8.01-295; or

2. Any person of age eighteen years or older and who is not a party or otherwise interested in the subject matter in controversy.

Whenever in this Code the term "officer" or "sheriff" is used to refer to persons authorized to make, return or do any other act relating to service of process, such term shall be deemed to refer to any person authorized by this section to serve process.

*B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law (i) only a sheriff may execute an order or writ of possession for personal, real or mixed property, including an order or writ of possession arising out of an action in unlawful entry and detainer or ejectment; (ii) any sheriff or law-enforcement officer as defined in § 9-169 of the Code of Virginia may serve any capias or criminal show cause order; and (iii) only a sheriff, the high constable for the City of Norfolk or Virginia Beach or treasurer may levy upon property.*