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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2136**

Offered January 15, 1997

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Title 2.1 a section numbered 2.1-639.41:1, relating to disclosure of office allowances to members of the General Assembly.

Patrons—Purkey, Abbitt, Albo, Forbes, Griffith, Landes, Way and Weatherholtz

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Title 2.1 a section numbered 2.1-639.41:1 as follows:**

*§ 2.1-639.41:1. Disclosure of office allowances.*

A. Each member of the General Assembly who receives an allowance for unvouchered office expenses and supplies provided by the general appropriation act shall keep a detailed and separate account of these funds and file an annual disclosure statement accounting for these funds as provided herein. The disclosure statement shall be filed no later than January 8 of each year with the State Board of Elections and account for all receipts, expenditures, and unexpended balances from the preceding calendar year. Any funds unexpended in the preceding calendar year shall continue to be accounted for in any subsequent disclosure statement required to be filed by this section.

B. The disclosure statement shall be filed on a form approved by the State Board of Elections and shall set forth the balance carried forward from the prior year, the total amount received in the current year, the date and amount of any expenditure, the name and address of the person to whom the expenditure was made, the object or purpose of the expenditure, and any unexpended balance in the account at the close of the year.

C. No member of the General Assembly shall make an expenditure from these funds to a member of his family. For purposes of this section, family shall mean a person who is related to the legislator by marriage, blood, or adoption and is the legislator's spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle or any other relative who resides in the legislator's household.

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