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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2254

Offered January 17, 1997

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.1-7.001, relating to internal operations of localities.*

Patrons—Callahan, Crittenden and Scott; Senators: Barry, Earley and Waddell

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

#### **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.1-7.001 as follows:**

*§ 15.1-7.001. Discretionary authority for internal operations of localities.*

*A. Any locality may by ordinance provide for the organization, conduct and operation of all departments, offices, boards, commissions and agencies of that locality as it deems appropriate, subject only to such limitations as may be imposed by general or special law.*

*B. Any locality may establish, consolidate, abolish or otherwise change departments, offices, boards, commissions and other agencies of that locality and prescribe the powers, duties and functions thereof, except where such entities are established and have their powers, duties and functions prescribed by general or special law.*

*C. Any locality may provide for the control and management of its departments, offices, boards, commissions and agencies and may prescribe and require the adoption and maintenance of such records, accounts and systems of accounting as it deems necessary to give a full and true account of their activities, revenues, resources and expenditures, except as may be provided otherwise by general or special law.*

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