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HOUSE BILL NO. 2909

Offered January 20, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-42.3 of the Code of Virginia, as it becomes effective January 1, 1998 and to repeal the second enactment of Chapter 579 of the 1995 Acts of Assembly, relating to reports of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Patrons—Cunningham, Connally, Cooper, Crittenden, Darner, Keating, Melvin, Puller, Spruill, Van Landingham and Watts; Senators: Howell, Maxwell, Miller, Y.B., Ticer and Whipple

Referred to Committee on Nominations and Confirmations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-42.3 of the Code of Virginia as it becomes effective January 1, 1998, is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-42.3. (Effective January 1, 1998) Secretary of Commonwealth to report list of interim appointments requiring confirmation; other appointments.

A. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall periodically, during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly, present to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections and the Chairman of the House Committee on Nominations and Confirmations a list of the names of all persons appointed by the Governor that require confirmation by the General Assembly. A list shall be presented by June 1, August 1, October 1, and December 1, and shall include the names of all persons so appointed since adjournment or since the last required report, the position to which appointed, and the person whom the appointee will succeed.

B. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall report to the General Assembly by December 1 of each year, the number of persons appointed by the Governor to any state board, commission, agency or authority, or by the governing body of any county, city or town to any local or regional board, commission, agency or authority, categorized by race, gender and national origin. Information on the race, gender and national origin of appointees shall be obtained through voluntary self-identification following appointment. Such information shall be used solely for the purpose of compiling the statistical information required under this section and any personally identifiable information collected under this section shall be confidential and shall be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.1-340 et seq.). To facilitate collection of data from local appointing authorities, the Secretary shall develop and provide to such appointing authorities a form on which such information is to be submitted or establish a means by which such information may be submitted electronically and may establish a date each year by which such information shall be submitted to the Secretary.

2. That the second enactment of Chapter 579 of the 1995 Acts of Assembly is repealed.