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Establishing a joint subcommittee to study the issues surrounding tax delinquent property.

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

WHEREAS, localities, including the City of Richmond, have taken aggressive action to remove the economic and social burden of tax delinquent property; and

WHEREAS, there has been some legislation enacted which streamlines the process for selling tax delinquent properties; and

WHEREAS, the streamlined legislation has been successful in bringing forward debtors that can pay as well as allowing for the tax sale when necessary; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the legislative initiative to date, a significant number of tax delinquent properties remain problems, including approximately 1600 tax delinquent properties in the City of Richmond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a five-member joint subcommittee be established to study the issues surrounding tax delinquent property.

The study shall include an assessment of the effectiveness of the current processes for dealing with delinquent tax properties in Virginia and how these processes compare with other states. After conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall make recommendations for legislative changes that will further streamline the process in dealing with tax delinquent properties.

The membership of the study shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$2,250.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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