

## CHAPTER 119

*An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-3926 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensure of attorneys.*

[H 384]

Approved March 13, 1998

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

**1. That § 54.1-3926 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 54.1-3926. Preliminary proof of education required of applicant.

In addition to the certificate required by § 54.1-3925, before taking any examination under this article the applicant shall furnish to the Board satisfactory evidence that he has:

1. Completed all degree requirements from a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Board; or

2. Received a bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited college or university and studied law for three years, *consisting of not less than eighteen hours per week for at least forty weeks per year* in the office of an attorney practicing in this Commonwealth, whose full time is devoted to the practice of law; or

3. Studied law for at least three years partly in a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Board and partly, *for not less than eighteen hours per week for at least forty weeks per year*, in the ~~practicing attorney's~~ office of an attorney practicing in this Commonwealth whose full time is devoted to the practice of law; or

4. *Received a bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited college or university and studied law for three years, consisting of not less than eighteen hours per week for at least forty weeks per year, with a retired circuit court judge who served the Commonwealth as a circuit court judge for a minimum of ten years and who at the time of commencement of the three-year study period was retired for not more than five years.*

The attorney in whose office *or the judge with whom* the applicant intends to study shall be approved by the Board, which shall prescribe reasonable conditions as to the course of study.

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