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HOUSE BILL NO. 836

House Amendments in [] —February 17, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-250 of the Code of Virginia, relating to how far jurisdiction of corporate authorities extends.

Patrons—Cantor, Baskerville, Jones, D.C., McEachin, Reid and Rhodes; Senator: Stosch

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19.2-250 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-250. How far jurisdiction of corporate authorities extends.

[A.] Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, [~~except as provided in subsection B hereof,~~] the jurisdiction of the corporate authorities of each town or city [~~or of a county with a population between 209,200 and 209,500 or a county with a population between 217,800 and 217,900~~], in criminal cases involving offenses against the Commonwealth, shall extend within the Commonwealth one mile beyond the corporate limits of such town or city; except that such jurisdiction of the corporate authorities of towns situated in counties having a density of population in excess of 300 inhabitants per square mile, or in counties adjacent to cities having a population of 170,000 or more, shall extend for 300 yards beyond the corporate limits of such town or, in the case of the criminal jurisdiction of an adjacent county, for 300 yards within such town.

[~~B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, an offense against the Commonwealth committed on the boundary of any county adjacent to the City of Richmond, or within one mile thereof, may be alleged to have been committed and may be prosecuted and punished in the county or the city. Any sheriff or other law-enforcement officer shall have jurisdiction to make arrests and preserve the peace for a like distance on either side of the boundary line between such county and city.~~]

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