

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 SESSION

CHAPTER 145

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 1-13.32 and 2.1-7.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to definitions of words in the Code of Virginia and electronic filing of information.

[S 819]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 1-13.32 and 2.1-7.4 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 1-13.32. Written; writing; writings; in writing.

The words "written," "writing," "writings," and "in writing" shall be construed to include any representation of words, letters, symbols, numbers, or figures, whether by printing or otherwise (i) printed or inscribed on a tangible medium or (ii) stored in an electronic or other medium and retrievable in a perceivable form and whether an electronic signature authorized by Chapter 39 (§ 59.1-467 et seq.) of Title 59.1 is or is not affixed.

§ 2.1-7.4. Electronic filing of information permitted.

Upon providing protection to preserve security and confidentiality, the agencies responsible to the Secretary of Administration pursuant to § 2.1-51.27, Secretary of Commerce and Trade pursuant to § 2.1-51.40, Secretary of Education pursuant to § 2.1-51.21, Secretary of Finance pursuant to § 2.1-51.34, Secretary of Health and Human Resources pursuant to § 2.1-51.15, Secretary of Natural Resources pursuant to § 2.1-51.9, Secretary of Public Safety pursuant to § 2.1-51.18, and Secretary of Transportation pursuant to § 2.1-51.43 agencies, departments, boards, commissions, authorities, political subdivisions or other instrumentalities of the Commonwealth may (i) accept the electronic filing of any information required or permitted to be filed with such agency public body and (ii) prescribe the methods of executing, recording, reproducing, and certifying electronically filed information; however, the provisions of this section shall not apply to any information required or permitted to be filed pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 11-35 et seq.). Unless otherwise provided for in the Code of Virginia, electronic filing in the courts of this Commonwealth shall be governed by the Rules adopted by the Supreme Court of Virginia.