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HOUSE BILL NO. 1452

Offered January 13, 1999 Prefiled October 26, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact the first enactment of Chapter 378 of the Acts of Assembly of 1998, relating to use of cover sheets on deeds or other instruments by certain circuit court clerks.

Patron—Murphy

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the first enactment of Chapter 378 of the Acts of Assembly of 1998 is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. § 1. That the clerks of the circuit courts in any county with a population (i) between 39,550 and 42,000 or (ii) between 7,000 and 7,500, and in any city with a population between 4,000 and 4,500 may request, but shall not require, that any deed or other instrument conveying or relating to an interest in real property be filed with a cover sheet detailing the information contained in the deed or other instrument necessary for the clerk to properly index such instrument. The cover sheet shall be in a form approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia and used in connection with the Financial Management System and Record Indexing System provided to such circuit court clerks by the Supreme Court of Virginia.

The cover sheet shall not be included as a page for determining the amount of any applicable filing fees pursuant to subdivision (2) A 2 of § 14.1-112 17.1-275, nor shall the cover sheet be construed to convey title to any interest in real property or purport to be a document in the chain of title conveying any interest in real property.

§ 2. The provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2002.