HOUSE BILL NO. 1903

Offered January 15, 1999

A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to district court and circuit

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court rules.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 8.01-4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.01-4. District courts and circuit courts to prescribe rules.

The district courts and circuit courts may, from time to time, prescribe for their respective districts and circuits such rules as may be reasonably appropriate to promote proper order and decorum, and the convenient and efficient use of courthouses and clerks' offices. No rule of any such court shall be prescribed or enforced which is inconsistent with any statutory provision, or the Rules of the Supreme Court, or contrary to the decided cases, or which has the effect of abridging substantive rights of persons before such Court. Nothing contained herein shall permit any circuit court to schedule any hearing or trial proceeding prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. without the consent of all of the parties.