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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2522

Offered January 21, 1999

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to district and circuit 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 may prescribe certain rules.

The district courts and circuit courts may, from time to time, prescribe *rules* for their respective districts and circuits ~~such~~. ~~Such rules as may be reasonably appropriate to~~ *shall be strictly limited to only those rules absolutely necessary 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 *this statute or any other* 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. *Any rule of court which violates the provisions of this section shall be invalid.*

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