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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2522**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 9, 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 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 courthouse facilities ] 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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