

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 8.01-4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to district and circuit court*
3 *rules.*

4 [H 2522]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 8.01-4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 8.01-4. District courts and circuit courts may prescribe certain rules.

9 The district courts and circuit courts may, from time to time, prescribe *rules* for their respective
10 districts and circuits. Such rules as ~~may be reasonably appropriate to~~ *shall be strictly limited to only*
11 *those rules absolutely necessary to* promote proper order and decorum, and the ~~convenient~~ and efficient
12 use of ~~courthouses~~ *courthouse facilities* and clerks' offices. No rule of any such court shall be prescribed
13 or enforced which is inconsistent with *this statute or any other* statutory provision, ~~or the Rules of the~~
14 ~~Supreme Court~~, or contrary to the decided cases, or which has the effect of abridging substantive rights
15 of persons before such Court. *Any rule of court which violates the provisions of this section shall be*
16 *invalid.*

17 **2. That the provisions of this act shall take effect July 1, 2000. The Courts of Justice Committee of**
18 **the Senate and the Courts of Justice Committee of the House of Delegates along with the Supreme**
19 **Court of Virginia shall review and make recommendations to the General Assembly by December**
20 **1, 1999, as to which matters are docket control procedures and which matters are local rules. It is**
21 **the clear intent of the General Assembly that there be no local rules and that any docket control**
22 **procedures not affect the substantive rights of the litigants.**

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