

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-457 and 18.2-458 of the Code of Virginia, relating to contempt*  
3 *of court; penalties.*

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5 Approved

[S 925]

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That §§ 18.2-457 and 18.2-458 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 18.2-457. Fine and imprisonment by court limited unless jury impaneled.

9 No court shall, without a jury, for any such contempt as is mentioned in the first class embraced in  
10 § 18.2-456, impose a fine exceeding ~~fifty dollars~~ \$250 or imprison more than ten days; but in any such  
11 case the court may, without an indictment, information or any formal pleading, impanel a jury to  
12 ascertain the fine or imprisonment proper to be inflicted and may give judgment according to the  
13 verdict.

14 § 18.2-458. Power of judge of district court to punish for contempt.

15 A judge of a district court shall have the same power and jurisdiction as a judge of a circuit court to  
16 punish summarily for contempt, but in no case shall the fine exceed ~~fifty dollars~~ \$250, or the  
17 imprisonment exceed ten days, for the same contempt.

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