

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 1, 13, 14 and 15 of the first enactment and to amend and reenact the*
3 *third enactment of Chapter 704 of the 1999 Acts of Assembly, relating to the Freedom of Information*
4 *Act; electronic communication meetings.*

5 [H 54]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That §§ 1, 13, 14 and 15 of the first enactment of Chapter 704 of the 1999 Acts of Assembly are**
9 **amended and reenacted as follows:**

10 § 1. That, ~~in addition to~~ *in lieu of* the provisions of § 2.1-343.1, (i) any public body, as defined in
11 § 2.1-341, (a) in the legislative branch of state government or (b) responsible to or under the
12 supervision, direction, or control of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade pursuant to § 2.1-51.40 or the
13 Secretary of Technology pursuant to § 2.1-51.46, or (ii) the State Board for Community Colleges
14 established in § 23-215, shall be authorized to hold meetings via electronic communication means
15 pursuant to this act.

16 § 13. By ~~October 15, 2000~~ *April 15, 2001*, public bodies in the legislative branch of state
17 government which conduct electronic communication meetings pursuant to this act shall file with the
18 Joint Rules Committee, as defined in § 51.1-124.3, a report on the total number of electronic
19 communication meetings held; the dates and purposes of the meetings; the types of electronic
20 communication means by which the meetings were held; the number of participants, including the
21 members of the public, at the meetings; and a summary of any public comment received about the
22 electronic communication meetings.

23 § 14. By ~~October 15, 2000~~ *April 15, 2001*, public bodies responsible to or under the supervision,
24 direction, or control of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade pursuant to § 2.1-51.40 or the Secretary of
25 Technology pursuant to § 2.1-51.46, which conduct electronic communication meetings pursuant to this
26 act shall file with the Secretary of Commerce and Trade or the Secretary of Technology, respectively, a
27 report on the total number of electronic communication meetings held; the dates and purposes of the
28 meetings; the types of electronic communication means by which the meetings were held; the number of
29 participants, including the members of the public, at the meetings; and a summary of any public
30 comment received about the electronic communication meetings.

31 § 15. By ~~October 15, 2000~~ *April 15, 2001*, the State Board for Community Colleges established in
32 § 23-215 shall file with the Secretary of Education a report on the total number of electronic
33 communication meetings held; the dates and purposes of the meetings; the types of electronic
34 communication means by which the meetings were held; the number of participants, including the
35 members of the public, at the meetings; and a summary of any public comment received about the
36 electronic communication meetings.

37 **2. That the third enactment of Chapter 704 of the 1999 Acts of the Assembly is amended and**
38 **reenacted as follows:**

39 3. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, ~~2000~~ *2002*.

ENROLLED

HB54ER