## 2006 SESSION

067545525 **HOUSE BILL NO. 999** 1 234567 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Counties, Cities & Towns on February 3, 2006) (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Toscano) A BILL to allow the use of an administrative hearing officer to hear employee grievances in Albemarle County. 8 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 9 1. § 1 That the County of Albemarle may adopt an employee grievance procedure that allows the County to utilize an administrative hearing officer in lieu of a panel to conduct an employee grievance 10 hearing pursuant to § 15.2-1507 of the Code of Virginia. The administrative hearing officer shall be 11 appointed by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The appointment shall be made from the list of administrative hearing officers maintained by the Executive Secretary pursuant to 12 13 14 § 2.2-4024 of the Code of Virginia and shall be made on a rotating basis from the geographical region 15 in which the County of Albemarle is located. In the alternative, the County of Albemarle may request the appointment of an administrative hearing officer from the Department of Employment Dispute 16 17 Resolution. The County of Albemarle shall bear all expenses associated with the administrative hearing 18 officer's services.

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2. That if the County of Albemarle has not adopted a personnel policy pursuant to this act prior

to July 1, 2007, the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2007.