081708866 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 917** Offered January 9, 2008 2 3 4 5 6 Prefiled January 8, 2008 A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-209 of the Code of Virginia, relating to preservation of papers in clerk's office. Patron—Joannou 7 8 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 17.1-209 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 12 § 17.1-209. Preservation of papers in clerk's office. All papers lawfully returned to, or filed in, the clerk's office shall be preserved therein until legally 13 14 delivered out. The originals of all such papers as lawfully returned to, or filed in, the clerk's office shall 15 be retained, even if reproduced electronically, and shall not be destroyed except as provided for in

§ 17.1-213 or as otherwise permitted by law or court order.