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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1532

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-3970.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to appointment of special commissioner to execute title to certain real estate in localities.*

Patrons—Howell, A.T., Carr, Dance, McClellan and McQuinn

Referred to Committee on Finance

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

#### **1. That § 58.1-3970.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 58.1-3970.1. Appointment of special commissioner to execute title to certain real estate with delinquent taxes or liens to localities.

In any proceedings under this article for the sale of a parcel or parcels of real estate which meet all of the following: (i) each parcel has delinquent real estate taxes or the locality has a lien against the parcel for removal, repair or securing of a building or structure; removal of trash, garbage, refuse, litter; or the cutting of grass, weeds or other foreign growth, (ii) each parcel has an assessed value of \$50,000 or less, and (iii) such taxes and liens, together, including penalty and accumulated interest, exceed ~~50~~ 20 percent of the assessed value of the parcel or such taxes alone exceed ~~25~~ 10 percent of the assessed value of the parcel, the locality may petition the circuit court to appoint a special commissioner to execute the necessary deed or deeds to convey the real estate to the locality in lieu of the sale at public auction. After notice as required by this article, service of process, and upon answer filed by the owner or other parties in interest to the bill in equity, the court shall allow the parties to present evidence and arguments, ore tenus, prior to the appointment of the special commissioner. Any surplusage accruing to a locality as a result of the sale of the parcel or parcels after the receipt of the deed shall be payable to the beneficiaries of any liens against the property and to the former owner, his heirs or assigns in accordance with § 58.1-3967. No deficiency shall be charged against the owner after conveyance to the locality.

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