

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-3201 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the continuation of the*
3 *moratorium on annexation by cities.*

4 [H 1117]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-3201 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 15.2-3201. Temporary restrictions on granting of city charters, filing annexation notices, institutions
9 of annexation proceedings and county immunity proceedings.

10 Beginning January 1, 1987, and terminating on the first to occur of (i) July 1, 2018, or (ii) the July 1
11 next following the expiration of any biennium, other than the 1998-2000, 2000-2002, 2002-2004,
12 2006-2008, ~~and~~ 2008-2010, 2010-2012, and 2012-2014 bienniums, during which the General Assembly
13 appropriated for distribution to localities for aid in their law-enforcement expenditures pursuant to
14 Article 8 (§ 9.1-165 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 an amount that is less than the total amount
15 required to be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to subsection A of § 9.1-169, no city shall file
16 against any county an annexation notice with the Commission on Local Government pursuant to
17 § 15.2-2907, and no city shall institute an annexation court action against any county under any
18 provision of this chapter except a city that filed an annexation notice before the Commission on Local
19 Government prior to January 1, 1987. During the same period, with the exception of a charter for a
20 proposed consolidated city, no city charter shall be granted or come into force and no suit or notice
21 shall be filed to secure a city charter. However, the foregoing shall not prohibit the institution of nor
22 require the stay of an annexation proceeding or the filing of an annexation notice for the purpose of
23 implementing an annexation agreement, the extent, terms and conditions of which have been agreed
24 upon by a county and city; nor shall the foregoing prohibit the institution of or require the stay of an
25 annexation proceeding by a city which, prior to January 1, 1987, commenced a proceeding before the
26 Commission on Local Government to review a proposed voluntary settlement pursuant to § 15.2-3400;
27 nor shall the foregoing prohibit the institution of or require the stay of any annexation proceeding
28 commenced pursuant to § 15.2-2907 or § 15.2-3203, except that no such proceeding may be commenced
29 by a city against any county, nor shall any city be a petitioner in any annexation proceeding instituted
30 pursuant to § 15.2-3203.

31 Beginning January 1, 1988, and terminating on the first to occur of (i) July 1, 2018, or (ii) the July 1
32 next following the expiration of any biennium, other than the 1998-2000, 2000-2002, 2002-2004,
33 2006-2008, ~~and~~ 2008-2010, 2010-2012, and 2012-2014 bienniums, during which the General Assembly
34 appropriated for distribution to localities for aid in their law-enforcement expenditures pursuant to
35 Article 8 (§ 9.1-165 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 an amount that is less than the total amount
36 required to be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to subsection A of § 9.1-169, no county shall file
37 a notice or petition pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 29 (§ 15.2-2900 et seq.) or Chapter 33
38 (§ 15.2-3300 et seq.) requesting total or partial immunity from city-initiated annexation and from the
39 incorporation of new cities within its boundaries. However, the foregoing shall not prohibit the
40 institution of nor require the stay of an immunity proceeding or the filing of an immunity notice for the
41 purpose of implementing an immunity agreement, the extent, terms and conditions of which have been
42 agreed upon by a county and city.

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