

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1726 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local boundaries for*
3 *law-enforcement purposes.*

4 [H 2216]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-1726 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 15.2-1726. Agreements for consolidation of police departments or for cooperation in**
9 **furnishing police services.**

10 Any locality may, in its discretion, enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other locality, any
11 agency of the federal government exercising police powers, police of any state-supported institution of
12 higher learning appointed pursuant to § 23-233, Division of Capitol Police, or with any combination of
13 the foregoing, for such periods and under such conditions as the contracting parties deem advisable, for
14 cooperation in the furnishing of police services. *Such agreements may include designation of mutually*
15 *agreed-upon boundary lines between contiguous localities for purposes of organizing 911 dispatch and*
16 *response, and clarifying issues related to coverage under workers' compensation and risk management*
17 *laws.* Such localities also may enter into an agreement for the cooperation in the furnishing of police
18 services with the Department of State Police. The governing body of any locality also may, in its
19 discretion, enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other locality, or combination thereof, for the
20 consolidation of police departments or divisions or departments thereof. Subject to the conditions of the
21 agreement, all police officers, officers, agents and other employees of such consolidated or cooperating
22 police departments shall have the same powers, rights, benefits, privileges and immunities in every
23 jurisdiction subscribing to such agreement, including the authority to make arrests in every such
24 jurisdiction subscribing to the agreement; however, no police officer of any locality shall have authority
25 to enforce federal laws unless specifically empowered to do so by statute, and no federal
26 law-enforcement officer shall have authority to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth unless
27 specifically empowered to do so by statute.

28 The governing body of a county also may enter into a tripartite contract with the governing body of
29 any town, one or more, in such county and the sheriff for such county for the purpose of having the
30 sheriff furnish law-enforcement services in the town. The contract shall be structured as a service
31 contract and may have such other terms and conditions as the contracting parties deem advisable. The
32 sheriff and any deputy sheriff serving as a town law-enforcement officer shall have authority to enforce
33 such town's ordinances. Likewise, subject to the conditions of the contract, the sheriff and deputy
34 sheriffs while serving as a town's law-enforcement officers shall have the same powers, rights, benefits,
35 privileges and immunities as those of regular town police officers. The sheriff under any such contract
36 shall be the town's chief of police.