

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-3931 of the Code of Virginia, relating to granting a certificate of*
3 *admission to the Virginia State Bar; law professors.*

4 [S 1159]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-3931 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 54.1-3931. Granting certificates without examination; law professors.**

9 A. The Supreme Court shall have discretion to grant a certificate without examination to any attorney
10 who has been admitted to practice law before the court of last resort of any state or territory of the
11 United States or the District of Columbia for at least five years. The certificate shall entitle the holder,
12 after paying his license tax, to practice in the courts of this Commonwealth.

13 B. The Supreme Court shall also have discretion to grant a certificate without examination to any
14 person connected with any foreign embassy or legation to appear in the courts of this Commonwealth in
15 all matters connected with his official duties, provided that the person has been admitted to practice in
16 the court of last resort of the jurisdiction of the embassy or legation to which he is attached or he has
17 received a degree from a law school approved by the American Bar Association.

18 C. The Supreme Court shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations allowing
19 professors in law schools located in the Commonwealth, which are accredited by the American Bar
20 Association, to become *associate* members of the Virginia State Bar; ~~limited to associate membership.~~
21 *Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the granting of a certificate without examination to a professor*
22 *who is otherwise eligible for such a certificate under any other provision of this section.*

23 D. The Supreme Court may authorize the Board or any committee thereof to administer the
24 provisions of this section.

25 E. All other persons shall take the examinations and comply with the applicable provisions of this
26 chapter.

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