

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 17.1-107 of the Code of Virginia, relating to holding cases under*
3 *advisement.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 17.1-107 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 17.1-107. Designation of judge to assist regular judge holding case under advisement for**
9 **unreasonable length of time.**

10 **A. ~~A~~ In any civil action, a judge of a circuit court in a civil case who fails to act on any matter,**
11 **claim, motion, or issue that has been submitted to the court for a decision or render a final decision in**
12 **the action shall report, in writing, to the parties or their counsel on any ~~cause~~ such matter, claim,**
13 **motion, issue, or action held under advisement for more than 90 60 days after final such submission**
14 **stating an expected time of a decision. In any civil case action in which a judge holds any cause under**
15 **advisement for more than 90 days after final submission, fails to report as required by this section, or**
16 **fails to render a decision within the expected time stated in the report, any party or their counsel may**
17 **notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Whenever the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or any**
18 **justice designated by him, has reasonable cause to believe that any judge of a court of record may be**
19 **holding one or more civil cases any matter, claim, motion, issue, or case under advisement for an**
20 **unreasonable length of time, he shall inquire into the cause of such delay, and if he finds it necessary in**
21 **order to expedite the administration of justice, he shall designate a judge or retired judge of a court of**
22 **record to assist the regular judge in the performance of his duties.**

23 **B. Complaints made hereunder shall be absolutely privileged and the name of the complainant shall**
24 **not be disclosed without his consent.**

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