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HOUSE BILL NO. 570**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
on February 7, 2014)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cox)

A BILL to amend Chapter 213 of the Acts of Assembly of 1960, which provided a charter for the City of Colonial Heights, by adding sections numbered 19.01 and 19.02 and to repeal §§ 19.1, 19.2, and 19.3, § 19.4, as amended, §§ 19.5 through 19.10, § 19.11, as amended, and § 19.12 of Chapter 213 of the Acts of Assembly of 1960, relating to courts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That Chapter 213 of the Acts of Assembly of 1960 is amended by adding sections numbered 19.01 and 19.02 as follows:

§ 19.01. Courts and judges.

The City of Colonial Heights shall have a General District Court and a Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, each of which shall have one or more judges. The General District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court shall exercise all of the powers and duties specified in the Code of Virginia. All district court judges shall be elected or appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Virginia, and the number of judges, as well as their qualifications, residency requirements, powers, functions, and compensation, also shall be as specified in such Code.

§ 19.02. Clerks of the district courts.

The General District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court shall each employ a clerk, and each court also may employ one or more deputy clerks. The manner of appointment, as well as the qualifications, powers, duties, and compensation, of each court's clerk and deputy clerks shall be as specified in the Code of Virginia.

2. That §§ 19.1, 19.2, and 19.3, § 19.4, as amended, §§ 19.5 through 19.10, § 19.11, as amended, and § 19.12 of Chapter 213 of the Acts of Assembly of 1960 are repealed.