

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 17.1-258.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to acceptability of electronic*  
3 *medium; submission of trial court record to appellate court.*

4 [H 2172]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 17.1-258.6 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 17.1-258.6. Acceptability of electronic medium; submission of trial court record to appellate**  
9 **court.**

10 A. In connection with civil proceedings in circuit court, any statutory requirement for an original,  
11 original paper, paper, record, document, facsimile, memorandum, exhibit, certification, or transcript shall  
12 be satisfied if such is in an electronic form approved for filing under the Rules of the Supreme Court of  
13 Virginia. However, this section shall not apply to documents the form of which is specified in any  
14 statute governing the creation and execution of wills, codicils, testamentary trusts, premarital agreements,  
15 and negotiable instruments.

16 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any statutory authorization for the use of copies or  
17 reproductions in civil proceedings in circuit court shall be satisfied by use of such copies or  
18 reproductions in hard copy or electronic form approved for filing under the Rules of the Supreme Court  
19 of Virginia.

20 C. *Any clerk of a circuit court with an electronic filing system that complies with the Rules of*  
21 *Supreme Court of Virginia may provide the trial court record in electronic form to the appropriate clerk*  
22 *of any appellate court. The clerk of the Supreme Court and the clerk of the Court of Appeals shall*  
23 *accept the official civil or criminal record in electronic form as otherwise required by law.*

24 D. *The Rules of Supreme Court of Virginia shall not prohibit the use of a private vendor electronic*  
25 *filing system if such system is in compliance with the filing standards established by the Court.*

26 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2016.**

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