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SENATE BILL NO. 888

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-279.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to additional assessment for electronic summons systems; towns.

Patron—Petersen

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 17.1-279.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 17.1-279.1. Additional assessment for electronic summons system.**

Any county ~~or~~, city, *or town*, through its governing body, may assess an additional sum not in excess of \$5 as part of the costs in each criminal or traffic case in the district or circuit courts located within ~~its~~ *the county's or city's* boundaries in which the defendant is charged with a violation of any statute or ordinance, *which violation in the case of towns arose within the town*. The imposition of such assessment shall be by ordinance of the governing body, which may provide for different sums in circuit courts and district courts. The assessment shall be collected, *upon conviction*, by the clerk of the court in which the action is filed, remitted to the treasurer of the appropriate county ~~or~~, city, *or town*, and held by such treasurer subject to disbursements by the governing body to a local law-enforcement agency solely to fund software, hardware, and associated equipment costs for the implementation and maintenance of an electronic summons system. *The imposition of a town assessment shall replace any county fee that would otherwise apply.*

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