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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1523**

Offered January 11, 2017

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-69.9:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to appointment of substitute judges; district courts.*

Patron—Miyares

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That § 16.1-69.9:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 16.1-69.9:1. Appointment, terms, etc., of substitute judges.**

(a) Substitute judges shall be appointed by the chief judge judges of the ~~ircuit court~~ general district and juvenile and domestic relations district courts having jurisdiction within the district for a term of six years.

(b) ~~Repealed.~~

(c) Each substitute judge shall be appointed to serve every general district court and every juvenile and domestic relations district court within the judicial district for which the appointment is made.

(d) No person shall be appointed under this section until he has submitted his fingerprints to be used for the conduct of a national criminal records search and a Virginia criminal history records search. No person with a criminal conviction for a felony shall be appointed as a substitute judge.

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