## **2018 SESSION**

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## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

Approved

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 62.1-239.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Water Supply 3 Revolving Fund; loans for regional projects; priority in Eastern Virginia for alternative sources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

7 1. That § 62.1-239.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 8 § 62.1-239.1. Loans, loan subsidies, and grants for regional projects, etc. 9 In approving loans and grants, the Board shall give preference to loans, loan subsidies, and grants for 10 projects that will (i) utilize private industry in operation and maintenance of such projects where a material savings in cost can be shown over public operation and maintenance or, (ii) serve two or more 11 12 local governments or other entities to encourage regional cooperation, or (iii) accomplish both goals. In order to conserve water in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area (EVGMA), 13 created pursuant to the Ground Water Management Act of 1992 (§ 62.1-254 et seq.), and in compliance 14 with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.), the Board shall, when evaluating 15 projects in the EVGMA, give preference to water projects that do not involve withdrawal of 16

groundwater from the coastal plain aquifers over those water projects that withdraw groundwater from 17 18 such aquifers.

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