## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2019 SESSION

## **CHAPTER 492**

An Act to amend and reenact § 34-6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to exemptions of real estate; recordation of signed writing; location of real estate or residence of householder if property located outside of the Commonwealth.

[H 2711]

Approved March 18, 2019

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 34-6 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 34-6. How exemption of real estate secured; form to claim exemption of real property.

In order to secure the benefit of the exemptions of real estate under §§ 34-4 and 34-4.1, the householder, by a writing signed by him and duly admitted to record, to be recorded as deeds are recorded, in the county or city wherein such real estate or any part thereof is located and or, if such property is located outside of the Commonwealth, in the county or city in the Commonwealth where the householder resides, shall declare his intention to claim such benefit and select and set apart the real estate to be held by the householder as exempt, and describe the same with reasonable certainty, affixing to the description his cash valuation of the estate so selected and set apart. Equitable as well as legal estates may be so selected and set apart. The following form, or one which is substantially similar, shall be used and shall be sufficient for the writing required by this section:

HOMESTEAD DEED FOR REAL PROPERTY

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Such writing or deed shall not be required to secure any exemption under this Code except those exemptions created by §§ 34-4 and 34-4.1.