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HOUSE BILL NO. 1809

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 57-54 of the Code of Virginia, relating to religious and charitable matters; contracts between charitable or civic organizations and professional fund-raising counsel or professional solicitors; report.*

Patron—VanValkenburg

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 57-54 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 57-54. Contracts between charitable or civic organizations and professional fund-raising counsel or professional solicitors.

A. Every contract or agreement between professional fund-raising counsel and a charitable or civic organization must be in writing and shall be filed with the Commissioner within ten days after such contract or written agreement is entered into.

B. Every contract, or a written statement of the nature of the arrangement to prevail in the absence of a contract, between a professional solicitor and a charitable or civic organization shall be filed with the Commissioner at least ten days prior to commencement of the contract.

C. All agreements and arrangements between professional fund-raising counsel and charitable or civic organizations must be reduced to writing before executed or acted upon.

D. By October 1 of each year, the Commissioner shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a report containing (i) the number of charitable or civic organizations, professional fund-raising counsel, and professional solicitors registered in Virginia; (ii) the number of contracts or agreements between such registered professional fund-raising counsel or professional solicitors and such registered charitable or civic organizations; and (iii) compensation paid, in relation to funds raised and administrative costs, to any professional fund-raising counsel or professional solicitor registered in Virginia by a charitable or civic organization registered in Virginia. Such annual report shall be submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports.

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