

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-3926 of the Code of Virginia, relating to attorneys; examinations*
3 *and issuance of licenses; requirements.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 54.1-3926 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 54.1-3926. Preliminary proof of education required of applicant.**

9 Before an applicant will be permitted to take any examination under this article, the applicant shall
10 furnish to the Board satisfactory evidence that he has:

11 1. ~~Completed all degree requirements from~~ *Satisfactorily completed legal studies amounting to at*
12 *least five semesters, or the equivalent of at least five semesters on a system other than a semester*
13 *system, of full-time study at a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Board;*

14 2. Received a bachelor's degree from an accredited baccalaureate institution of higher education and
15 studied law for three years, consisting of not less than 18 hours per week for at least 40 weeks per year
16 in the office of an attorney practicing in the Commonwealth, whose full time is devoted to the practice
17 of law;

18 3. Studied law for at least three years partly in a law school approved by the American Bar
19 Association or the Board and partly, for not less than 18 hours per week for at least 40 weeks per year,
20 in the office of an attorney practicing in the Commonwealth whose full time is devoted to the practice
21 of law;

22 4. Received a bachelor's degree from an accredited baccalaureate institution of higher education and
23 studied law for three years, consisting of not less than 18 hours per week for at least 40 weeks per year,
24 with a retired circuit court judge who served the Commonwealth as a circuit court judge for a minimum
25 of 10 years and who at the time of commencement of the three-year study period was retired for not
26 more than five years; or

27 5. Completed all degree requirements from a law school not approved by the American Bar
28 Association, including a foreign law school, obtained an LL.M. from a law school approved by the
29 American Bar Association, and been admitted to practice law before the court of last resort in any state
30 or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.

31 The attorney in whose office or the judge with whom the applicant intends to study shall be
32 approved by the Board, which shall prescribe reasonable conditions as to the course of study.

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