4. The result of the referendum shall be binding and the corresponding plan shall be implemented.

22102108D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 902** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 12, 2022 Prefiled January 12, 2022 A BILL to allow for a referendum to be held in 2022, relating to the removal of the Augusta County courthouse from the City of Staunton to Augusta County. 6 Patron—Avoli 7 8 Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. § 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 15.2-1655 of the Code of Virginia, Augusta County may hold 11 a new referendum in 2022 on the removal of the Augusta County courthouse from the City of Staunton 12 13 to Augusta County if: 1. A new plan for the construction and estimated cost for relocating outside of the City of Staunton, 14 15 to be implemented should the referendum pass, and a plan with estimated costs for the renovation and 16 expansion of the courthouse in the City of Staunton, to be implemented should the referendum fail, are 17 developed: 2. Both plans are to be made available to the public at least three months prior to the planned date 18 19 of the referendum; and 20 3. The plan developed for the courthouse remaining in Staunton, if it is the option that prevails, shall

be a mutual agreement between the City of Staunton and Augusta County.

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