

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

*An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-4023 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Administrative Process Act; final orders; electronic retention.*

[S 480]

Approved

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

**1. That § 2.2-4023 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 2.2-4023. Final orders.**

The terms of any final agency case decision, as signed by it, shall be served upon the named parties by mail unless service otherwise made is duly acknowledged by them in writing. The signed originals, *which may be retained in an electronic medium in accordance with § 42.1-86.01*, shall remain in the custody of the agency as public records subject to judicial notice by all courts and agencies; and they, or facsimiles thereof, together with the full record or file in every case shall be made available for public inspection or copying except (i) so far as the agency may withhold the same in whole or part for the purpose of protecting individuals mentioned from personal embarrassment, obloquy, or disclosures of a private nature including statements respecting the physical, mental, moral, or financial condition of such individuals or (ii) for trade secrets or, so far as protected by other laws, other commercial or industrial information imparted in confidence. Final orders may be recorded, enforced, and satisfied as orders or decrees of a circuit court upon certification of such orders by the agency head or his designee.