23104084D SENATE BILL NO. 1486 1 2 Offered January 19, 2023 3 A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-69.44 of the Code of Virginia, relating to district courts; substitute 4 judges; per diem compensation. 5 Patron-Morrissey 6 7 Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 8 9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 16.1-69.44 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 10 **§ 16.1-69.44. Salaries of judges.** 11 12 Each district court judge shall be paid by the Commonwealth an annual salary which shall be fixed 13 in the general appropriation acts and set at an amount equal to ninety percent of the annual salary fixed 14

by state law for judges of the circuit courts.

Each substitute judge of a district court shall receive for his services a per diem compensation of \$200 \$500 except when such judge sits pursuant to the provisions of Title 37.2, in which case compensation shall be limited to that provided in § 37.2-804. The judge replaced may certify that the substitute judge is entitled to \$100 if the substitute judge acted in his official capacity for less than a full court docket or served less than four hours. A full-time judge elected to an initial term after January

1, 1974, shall also be prohibited from engaging in the practice of law.

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