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HOUSE BILL NO. 1491

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.1-478 of the Code of Virginia, relating to recordation of water conveyance easements.

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

11 1. That § 15.1-478 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.1-478. Recordation of plat as transfer of streets, termination of easements and rights-of-way, etc. 12 13 The recordation of such plat shall operate to transfer, in fee simple, to the respective counties and 14 municipalities in which the land lies such portion of the premises platted as is on such plat set apart for 15 streets, alleys or other public use and to transfer to such county or municipality any easement indicated 16 on such plat to create a public right of passage over the same; but nothing. The recordation of such plat shall operate to transfer to the county or municipality, or to such other person or entity as the 17 county or municipality may provide, such easements for the conveyance of stormwater, domestic water 18 and sewerage, including the installation and maintenance of any facilities utilized for such purposes, as 19 20 the county or municipality may require. Nothing contained in this article shall affect any right of a 21 subdivider of land heretofore validly reserved.

22 Provided, that where the authorized officials of a county, town or city within which land is located, 23 approve in accordance with the subdivision ordinances of such county, town or city a plat or replat of 24 land therein, then upon the recording of such plat or replat in the clerk's office wherein land records are 25 maintained, all rights-of-way, easements or other interest of the county, town or city in the land included on the plat or replat, except as shown thereon, shall be terminated and extinguished, except that an 26 27 interest acquired by the county, town or city by condemnation, by purchase for valuable consideration 28 and evidenced by a separate instrument of record, or streets, alleys or easements for public passage or 29 for the conveyance of stormwater, domestic water and sewerage, including the installation and 30 maintenance of any facilities utilized for such purposes, subject to the provisions of § 15.1-481 or § 15.1-482 shall not be affected thereby. 31

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