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## 974715184 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1616** Offered January 8, 1997 23456789 Prefiled December 19, 1996 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 7.1 a chapter numbered 8, consisting of a section numbered 7.1-43, relating to the Poet Laureate of Virginia. Patrons—Crouch and Bryant; Senators: Hawkins and Newman Referred to Committee on General Laws 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 11 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 7.1 a chapter numbered 8, consisting 12 of a section numbered 7.1-43, as follows: 13 CHAPTER 8. 14 15 POET LAUREATE OF VIRGINIA. 16 § 7.1-43. Poet laureate. The honorary position of Poet Laureate of Virginia is hereby created. Beginning in 1998, the 17 18 Governor shall appoint the poet laureate from a list of nominees submitted by the Poetry Society of

Virginia. Each poet laureate shall serve a term of two years, with no restrictions on reappointment.