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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2767

Offered January 20, 1997

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 42.1-83 of the Code of Virginia, relating to copying of microfilm records of counties, cities and towns.*

Patron—Phillips

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That § 42.1-83 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 42.1-83. Program for inventorying, scheduling, microfilming records; records of counties, cities and towns; storage of records.

The State Library Board shall formulate and execute a program to inventory, schedule, and microfilm official records of counties, cities and towns which it determines have permanent value and to provide safe storage for microfilm copies of such records, and to give advice and assistance to local officials in their programs for creating, preserving, filing and making available public records in their custody.

Original archival public records shall be either stored in The Library of Virginia or in the locality at the decision of the local officials responsible for maintaining public records. Original archival public records shall be returned to the locality upon the written request of the local officials responsible for maintaining local public records. Microfilm shall be stored in The Library of Virginia but the use thereof shall be subject to the control of the local officials responsible for maintaining local public records. *However, the chief circuit court judge for the locality shall be responsible for control of copying, reproduction and public access to the records.*

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