

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1997 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 536

Requesting the Virginia Bar Association to study the feasibility of expanding the use of interlocutory appeals in the courts of the Commonwealth.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 30, 1997

Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 1997

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia contains provisions for the appeal of final judgments; and
WHEREAS, parties before the courts of the Commonwealth have a limited right to appeal nonfinal decisions of the court; and

WHEREAS, historically, relief in the form of writs of prohibition and mandamus is reserved for extremely egregious situations; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have provisions which allow a broader range of appeals on issues before a final judgment is rendered; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Commonwealth and our system of justice may benefit from a greater range of interlocutory appeals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Bar Association be requested to study the feasibility of expanding the use of interlocutory appeals in the courts of the Commonwealth.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Virginia Bar Association, upon request.

The Virginia Bar Association shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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