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HOUSE BILL NO. 889

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 7.1-10.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the boundary line between Loudoun County, Virginia, and Jefferson County, West Virginia.

Patrons—May; Senator: Mims

Referred to Committee on Interstate Cooperation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 7.1-10.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 7.1-10.1. Boundary line between Loudoun County, Virginia, and Jefferson County, West Virginia. 4A. The boundary line between Loudoun County, Virginia, and Jefferson County, West Virginia, is hereby, on the part of this Commonwealth, established and declared to be the watershed line of the top of the ridge of the Blue Ridge Mountains same as established by the survey ordered on April 29, 1997, and recorded in the land books in the courthouses of Loudoun County, Virginia, and Jefferson County, West Virginia.

2B. No vested right of any individual, partnership, or corporation within the territory affected by this act shall in any wise be impaired, restricted, or affected by this act. This act shall not be retrospective in its operation nor shall it in any way affect the rights of any individual, partnership, or corporation in any suit now pending in any of the courts of this State Commonwealth or of the United States wherein the cause of action arose over, or is in any way based upon, the territory affected. This act shall in no wise preclude the Commonwealth of Virginia from prosecuting any individual, partnership, or corporation for violation of any of the criminal laws of this State Commonwealth within the territory until this act shall go into effect.

3C. The Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth shall furnish a certified copy of this act to the Governor of the State of West Virginia and shall also furnish certified copies to the United States Senators from the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the Representative from the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia in the House of Representatives, who are requested to have the act presented to the Congress of the United States for ratification by the Congress.

4D. The Commission created by Chapter 181 of the 1986 Acts of Assembly, and extended pursuant to Chapter 606 of the 1988 Acts of Assembly, Chapter 52 of the 1991 Acts of Assembly, and Chapter 448 of the 1992 Acts of Assembly, is continued and is directed, in cooperation with the like Commission created by the State of West Virginia, or other agency designated by the State of West Virginia for the purpose, to complete its work, including the recordation of the survey in the Loudoun County Courthouse, and to survey and erect permanent markers designating the boundary line set forth in § 1 subsection A. The markers shall be of the nature and kind the Commission deems appropriate.

E. This section shall become effective upon its ratification and approval by the General Assembly of West Virginia.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

3. That the Virginia Boundary Commission is directed to record the survey referred to herein no later than April 1, 1998. Such survey shall take into account KD Map 25A Parcel 2 through which the water shed line runs and shall include such property on the Virginia side of the boundary line.