

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 17.1-227.1 and to repeal Chapter*  
3 *378 of the Acts of Assembly of 1998, relating to indexing by tax map reference number; use of cover*  
4 *sheets on deeds or other instruments by certain circuit court clerks.*

5 [H 1452]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 17.1-227.1 as follows:**9 *§ 17.1-227.1. Use of cover sheets on deeds or other instruments by certain circuit court clerks.*

10 *The clerk of the circuit court in any (i) county with a population between 7,000 and 7,500, (ii)*  
11 *county with a population between 39,500 and 42,000, (iii) county with a population between 10,250 and*  
12 *10,400, and (iv) city with a population between 4,000 and 4,500 may request, but shall not require, that*  
13 *any deed or other instrument conveying or relating to an interest in real property be filed with a cover*  
14 *sheet detailing the information contained in the deed or other instrument necessary for the clerk to*  
15 *properly index such instrument. The cover sheet shall be in a form approved by the Supreme Court of*  
16 *Virginia and used in connection with the Financial Management System and Record Indexing System*  
17 *provided to such circuit court clerks by the Supreme Court of Virginia.*

18 *The cover sheet shall not be included as a page for determining the amount of any applicable filing*  
19 *fees pursuant to subdivision A 2 of § 17.1-275, nor shall the cover sheet be construed to convey title to*  
20 *any interest in real property or purport to be a document in the chain of title conveying any interest in*  
21 *real property.*

22 *The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2002.*23 **2. That Chapter 378 of the Acts of Assembly of 1998 is repealed.**

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