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SENATE BILL NO. 922

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 14.1-125.2 , relating to circuit court clerks' fees; information technology.

Patrons—Barry, Andrews, Benedetti, Calhoun, Colgan, Hawkins, Holland, C.A., Holland, E.M., Howell, Marye, Saslaw, Waddell and Walker; Delegates: Almand, Ball, Cohen, Council, Cranwell, Croshaw, Darner, Keating, McClure, Miller and Reynolds

Referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 14.1-125.2 as follows:

§ 14.1-125.2. Additional assessment for circuit court clerks' offices; information technology.

A. In addition to the fees otherwise authorized by this chapter, the clerk of any circuit court may assess a sum of three dollars in any civil action and upon any recorded instrument filed or recorded in that court. Two dollars of the fee shall be paid into a fund to be administered by the clerk, and utilized solely for the purposes of (i) obtaining office and information technology equipment, including software and conversion services; (ii) preserving, maintaining and enhancing the court records, including, but not limited to, the costs of repairs, maintenance, service contracts and system upgrades and (iii) improving public access to the court records. One dollar of the fee shall be paid into a special fund to be administered by the state treasurer in cooperation with the circuit court clerks, for the purposes enumerated in this section.

B. Information regarding the technology programs adopted by the circuit court clerks and the Department of Information Technology shall be shared with the State Library of Virginia and the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court.

C. On or before June 1 of each year, each circuit court clerk shall prepare a separate annual budget for the moneys collected pursuant to subsection A and provide a copy to the State Compensation Board. In addition, a copy shall be provided to the local governing body for the county or city.

D. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the duty of local governing bodies to furnish supplies and equipment to the clerks of the circuit courts pursuant to § 15.1-19.

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