

**Appendix D**

**01-7080238**

**11/29/00 8:52 AM**

**E.M. Miller**

**SENATE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

1 A BILL to amend and reenact § 30-28.18 of the Code of Virginia and to amend  
2 the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 30.1-18.1, relating to  
3 the preparation of legislation for a member of the General Assembly.

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

5 **1. That § 30.28.18 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted, and**  
6 **that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 30-18.1**  
7 **as follows:**

8 § 30-28.18. Requests for drafting bills or resolutions; bills to conform to  
9 request; public access.

10 A. All In accordance with the provisions of § 30.18.1, all requests for the  
11 drafting of bills or resolutions by the Division shall be submitted in writing, and  
12 shall contain a general statement respecting the policies and purposes which the  
13 requester desires incorporated in and accomplished by the bill. All requests and  
14 required statements shall be signed by the person submitting them. Neither the  
15 Director nor any employee of the Division shall reveal to any person outside of  
16 the Division the contents or nature of any request or statements except with the  
17 consent of the person signing such request; however, (i) when the Director or an  
18 employee receives a request which is substantially the same as one previously  
19 received, he may, unless specifically directed not to do so by the person first  
20 submitting such request, so inform the person submitting the similar request and  
21 (ii) unless specifically directed otherwise, the Director or employee may reveal  
22 the nature of a request when seeking information from anyone to assist in

1 drafting the bill. Bills drafted by the Division shall conform to the statements  
2 submitted with the request or the supplementary written instructions submitted by  
3 the person who originally made the request.

4 B. All legislative drafting requests and accompanying documents shall be  
5 maintained by the Division as permanent records. Each of these separate files  
6 shall be considered the property of the requester and no one other than  
7 members of the Division staff shall have access to any such file without the  
8 specific approval of the requester. However, on the effective date of legislation  
9 drafted for the 1989 Session or thereafter, the file for a bill which was enacted,  
10 including any amendments in the nature of a substitute or conference reports  
11 which were offered for consideration shall become public property.

12 C. All legislative drafting requests from the Governor, a Governor's  
13 Secretary or the head of any judicial or independent agency shall be submitted to  
14 the Division on or before January 1 of the year for which such legislation is to be  
15 considered by the General Assembly except that such requests from the  
16 Governor may also be submitted in accordance with the procedures established  
17 by the Rules Committees of the House of Delegates and the Senate for the  
18 conduct of business during a legislative session.

19 30-18.1. Preparation of legislation for a member of the General  
20 Assembly.- For purposes of uniformity of and proper statutory construction, a bill  
21 or resolution for introduction into any general or special session of the General  
22 Assembly must first be prepared by the Division of Legislative Services in  
23 accordance with the provisions of § 30-28.18. The Clerk of the House of  
24 Delegates and Senate shall provide for the enforcement of this section.

25 This section shall not apply to any general appropriation bill.

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**Appendix E**

**01-7921238**

**11/21/00 9:29 AM**

**Virginia Edwards**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article IV, relating to legislative  
2 sessions.

3 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority  
4 of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendment  
5 to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred  
6 to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general  
7 election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity  
8 with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia,  
9 namely: Amend Section 6 of Article IV as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV

11 LEGISLATURE

12 Section 6. Legislative sessions.

13 The General Assembly shall meet once each year on the ~~second~~fourth  
14 Wednesday in January. Except as herein provided for reconvened sessions, no  
15 regular session of the General Assembly convened in an even-numbered year  
16 shall continue longer than sixty days; no regular session of the General  
17 Assembly convened in an odd-numbered year shall continue longer than thirty  
18 days; but with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members elected to each  
19 house, any regular session may be extended for a period not exceeding thirty  
20 days. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn to another  
21 place, nor for more than three days.

The Governor may convene a special session of the General Assembly when, in his opinion, the interest of the Commonwealth may require and shall convene a special session upon the application of two-thirds of the members elected to each house.

The General Assembly shall reconvene on the sixth Wednesday after adjournment of each regular or special session for the purpose of considering bills which may have been returned by the Governor with recommendations for their amendment and bills and items of appropriation bills which may have been returned by the Governor with his objections. No other business shall be considered at a reconvened session. Such reconvened session shall not continue longer than three days unless the session be extended, for a period not exceeding seven additional days, upon the vote of the majority of the members elected to each house.

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