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SENATE BILL NO. 284

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 22 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-2209.4, relating to siting of data centers; impacts on resources and historically significant sites.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 22 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-2209.4 as follows:

§ 15.2-2209.4. *Siting of data centers; impacts on resources.*

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center, as defined in § 58.1-3506, shall only be approved in areas where the data center will (i) have a minimal impact on historic, agricultural, and cultural resources and (ii) not be within one mile of a national park, state park, or other historically significant site, as designated by the Department of Historic Resources.

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