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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2162**

Offered January 13, 2025

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-69.44 of the Code of Virginia, relating to per diem compensation of a substitute judge of a district court.*

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Patrons—Carr, Jones and Watts

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That § 16.1-69.44 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 16.1-69.44. Salaries of judges.**

Each district court judge shall be paid by the Commonwealth an annual salary ~~which~~ *that* shall be fixed in the general appropriation acts and set at an amount equal to ~~ninety~~ 90 percent of the annual salary fixed by state law for judges of the circuit courts.

Each substitute judge of a district court shall receive for his services a per diem compensation of ~~\$200~~ \$350, except when such judge sits pursuant to the provisions of Title 37.2, in which case compensation shall be limited to that provided in § 37.2-804. The judge replaced may certify that the substitute judge is entitled to ~~\$100~~ \$175 if the substitute judge acted in his official capacity for less than a full court docket or served less than four hours. A full-time judge elected to an initial term after January 1, 1974, shall also be prohibited from engaging in the practice of law.

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