

2025 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2712**

2 Offered January 17, 2025

3 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 22 of Title 15.2 a section numbered*
4 *15.2-2209.4, relating to siting of data centers; local authority.*

5 Patron—Lovejoy

6 Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

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

10 **§ 15.2-2209.4. Siting of data centers; local authority.**

11 *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, in considering any local government land*
12 *use application required for the siting of a data center, as defined in subdivision A 43 of § 58.1-3506, a*
13 *locality may (i) require and consider water use estimates for proposed data center developments; (ii) require*
14 *sound modeling studies for proposed data center developments; (iii) establish and enforce maximum*
15 *allowable sound levels for operational data center facilities, including the use of alternative low-frequency*
16 *metrics, and include such requirements in zoning ordinances; and (iv) require and consider power load*
17 *demand estimates for a proposed data center development.*

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