

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 16.1-69.35:3, relating to chief judges;*
3 *designation of cases to be heard in the Twelfth Judicial District.*

4 [H 2599]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 16.1-69.35:3 as follows:**8 **§ 16.1-69.35:3. Twelfth Judicial District; chief judges; designation of cases to be heard in Colonial**
9 **Heights.**10 *The chief judges of the Twelfth Judicial District General District Court and the Twelfth Judicial District*
11 *Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court may, in the interest of justice and by order, designate one or*
12 *more of the courtrooms of the Colonial Heights General District Court or Colonial Heights Juvenile and*
13 *Domestic Relations District Court as the courtroom or courtrooms in which civil or criminal cases whose*
14 *proper, preferred, or permissible venue is laid within Chesterfield County are to be tried. With respect to*
15 *such orders, in case of conflict between the provisions of this section and other provisions outside this section*
16 *relating to venue in cases heard by the judges of general district courts and juvenile and domestic relations*
17 *district courts, all such other provisions are hereby superseded.*18 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire at such time that an additional judge and additional**
19 **administrative staff are authorized and funded for either or both of the general district and the**
20 **juvenile and domestic relations district courts in the Twelfth Judicial District and (i) the courthouse**
21 **building located in Chesterfield County where such additional judge shall preside and such**
22 **administrative staff shall be employed is expanded or otherwise renovated to provide courtroom and**
23 **office space for such judge and administrative staff or (ii) alternate courtroom and support space is**
24 **identified for use by such judge and administrative staff.**25 **3. That the chief judges of the Twelfth Judicial District General District Court and the Twelfth Judicial**
26 **District Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court shall not enter any order or take any other**
27 **action to use the courtrooms of the Colonial Heights General District Court or the Colonial Heights**
28 **Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for any civil or criminal cases whose proper, preferred,**
29 **or permissible venue is laid within Chesterfield County until the city manager of the City of Colonial**
30 **Heights and the county administrator of Chesterfield County execute a memorandum of**
31 **understanding that specifies the terms and conditions for such use of the Colonial Heights courtrooms.**

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