

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1235**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 14, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-222.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to clerks of circuit court; fees;*
5 *online payment systems.*

6 Patron—Delaney

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8 Committee Referral Pending
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 **1. That § 17.1-222.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

12 **§ 17.1-222.1. Collection of fees, etc., by court clerks in lieu of money.**

13 The clerks of the several courts of the Commonwealth may, in lieu of money, collect or secure all fees,
14 and fines and penalties collected for offenses committed against the Commonwealth or against any county,
15 city or town, and for payment of spousal or child support, by any means provided in § 2.2-614.1. Such clerks
16 shall not by virtue of acceptance of any such payment be held to be guarantors of the payment thereof, but
17 they shall exercise ordinary care in such acceptance.

18 *If a clerk's office allows payment to occur via an already established online payment system for collection
19 of any one type of fee or cost, it shall offer such payment method for all payments necessary to be made to the
20 court, including fines, fees, costs, and restitution. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to
21 require a clerk's office to create an online payment system if one does not currently exist.*

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