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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1515**

2 Offered January 23, 2026

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 local approval of data centers; temporary moratorium.*

5 Patron—Shin

6 Referred to Committee on Rules

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2209.4 as follows:**9 **§ 15.2-2209.4. Siting of data centers; temporary moratorium.**10 **A. For the purpose of this section:**11 *"Data center" means the same as that term is defined in subdivision A 43 of § 58.1-3506.*12 *B. No locality shall grant final approval of any application for a rezoning, special exception, special use*
13 *permit, site plan, or plan of development for the siting of a new data center until the earlier of (i) the*
14 *fulfillment of all pending requests for interconnection to distribution service by an electric utility customer*
15 *that is a data center or (ii) July 1, 2028.*

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