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HOUSE BILL NO. 243

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Martinez)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-917 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 19.2 a section numbered § 19.2-43.1, relating to the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission; magistrates; availability of complaint forms in courthouses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 17.1-917 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 19.2 a section numbered § 19.2-43.1 as follows:

§ 17.1-917. Assistance and information; complaint forms.

A. State and local public bodies and departments, officers and employees thereof, and officials and all personnel of the courts of the Commonwealth shall cooperate with and give reasonable assistance and information to the Commission and any authorized representative thereof in connection with any investigations or proceedings within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

B. In all state courts within the Commonwealth a sign shall be posted in a location accessible to the public that notes the availability of and provides instructions to obtain a downloadable electronic version of any standardized form developed and utilized by the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission for the filing of a complaint from the official website of the judicial system of the Commonwealth. Any standardized form developed and utilized by the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission for the filing of a complaint shall also be made available to the public in paper form in every clerk's office in all state courts of the Commonwealth. In all such courts, a sign shall be posted in a location accessible to the public that notes the availability and location of such paper forms in the office.

