

## 2022 SESSION

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### SENATE BILL NO. 283

Offered January 12, 2022

Prefiled January 11, 2022

*A BILL to allow for a referendum to be held in 2022, relating to the removal of the Augusta County courthouse from the City of Staunton to Augusta County.*

Patron—Hanger

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

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

**1. § 1.** *Notwithstanding the provisions of § 15.2-1655 of the Code of Virginia, Augusta County may hold a new referendum in 2022 on the removal of the Augusta County courthouse from the City of Staunton to Augusta County if:*

*1. A new plan for the construction and estimated cost for relocating outside of the City of Staunton, to be implemented should the referendum pass, and a plan with estimated costs for the renovation and expansion of the courthouse in the City of Staunton, to be implemented should the referendum fail, are developed;*

*2. Both plans are to be made available to the public at least three months prior to the planned date of the referendum; and*

*3. The plan developed for the courthouse remaining in Staunton, if it is the option that prevails, shall be a mutual agreement between the City of Staunton and Augusta County.*

*4. The result of the referendum shall be binding and the corresponding plan shall be implemented.*

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