VIRGINIA CODE COMMISSION Subcommittee on Renumbering the Code of Virginia

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.

General Assembly Building, 2nd Floor House Redistricting Conference Room Richmond, Virginia 23219

- 1 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** John S. Edwards; Karl R. Hade; R. Jay Landis; E.M. Miller, Jr.;
- 2 Thomas M. Moncure, Jr.; Robert L. Tavenner
- 3 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gregory D. Habeeb
- 4 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Kennedy
- 5 **STAFF PRESENT:** Jane Chaffin, Karen Perrine,
- 6 **Call to order:** Senator Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.
- 7 Scope of the project: Mr. Miller explained the background and history of the 2005/2007 project
- 8 to renumber the Code of Virginia. Due to the fiscal impact, the project was not complete.
- 9 Mr. Kennedy advised that most states do no renumber or recodify the entire code, and the only
- state that he knew of that had done so was Arkansas in the late 1980's.
- 11 After discussion, on motion of Mr. Miller and duly seconded, the subcommittee voted to
- recommend to the Code Commission that the scope of the project would be new section numbers
- for all code sections, moving some articles and chapters from one title as part of the
- reorganization process, and very few substantive changes.
- 15 **Plan on how to proceed:** The committee reviewed a draft letter to state agencies describing the
- 16 project and asking for feedback on the fiscal impact of renumbering the Code of Virginia. After
- discussion, on motion of Mr. Moncure and duly seconded, the subcommittee voted to send the
- letter with some modification to include obtaining information on: (i) annual cost due to Code of
- 19 Virginia changes; (ii) expected cost due to the proposed one-time renumbering; (iii) number of
- 20 Code of Virginia volumes and sets that the agency buys; and (iv) number of Virginia
- 21 Administrative Code volumes and sets that the agency buys. The subcommittee authorized the
- staff to redesign the letter or use a survey instrument to make it easier to receive and compile the
- 23 results.
- Mr. Moncure indicated that once the cost information was obtained, the next step would be to
- determine if the entire Code would be renumbered, or if the renumbering would proceed volume
- 26 by volume.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.