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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 537, L.D. 757, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Charter of the Richmond Utilities District”

Amend the bill in section 1 in Sec. 14-A in the 14th line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "determine;" and inserting the following: 'determine;'

Amend the bill in section 1 in Sec. 14-A in the 16th line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and in" and inserting the following: '~~and in.~~ In'

Amend the bill in section 1 in Sec. 14-A in the 17th and 18th lines (page 1, lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "except for the original acquisition of property of Richmond Water Works," and inserting the following: '~~except for the original acquisition of property of Richmond Water Works,~~'

Amend the bill in section 1 in Sec. 14-A in the 24th line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "newspaper" the following: 'or newsletter'

Amend the bill in section 1 in Sec. 14-A in the 25th line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Richmond" the following: 'and mailed to district voters and customers via postcard or bill insert'

Amend the bill in section 1 in Sec. 14-A in the 26th line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "7" and inserting the following: '7 14'

Amend the bill in section 1 in Sec. 14-A in the 26th line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "published" the following: 'and mailed'

Amend the bill in section 1 in Sec. 14-A in the 30th line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "7" and inserting the following: '7 14 full'

Amend the bill in section 1 in Sec. 14-A in the 30th line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "publication" the following: 'and mailing'

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. P&SL 1999, c. 23, §2 is repealed.'**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds to the bill a change to the notice requirement for proposed financing of costs greater than \$30,000 from 7 days to 14 days and requires that notice be provided in a newspaper or newsletter having a general circulation in the Town of Richmond and be mailed to district voters and customers via postcard or bill insert instead of in only a newspaper. The amendment also removes a section of the Richmond Utilities District charter that allows the trustees to propose a different debt limit than in the charter and submit that proposal for districtwide approval in a referendum because the bill removes the cap on indebtedness of the district.