

HOUSE BILL NO. 1680

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Privileges and Elections

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Ransone)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-420.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voter registration; registration after the close of registration records; required affirmation.

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

**1. That § 24.2-420.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 24.2-420.1. Extended time for persons to register in person.**

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-416, any person who is qualified to register to vote shall be entitled to register in person up to and including the day of the election at the office of the general registrar in the locality in which such person resides or at the polling place for the precinct in which such person resides.

B. The Department shall prescribe procedures for the addition of persons registered under this section to the lists of registered voters.

C. The Department shall prescribe procedures for the handling and counting of ballots cast by persons registering on the day of the election pursuant this section, including a requirement that such a person affirm, subject to felony penalties for making false statements, that he is not intentionally voting more than once in the same election, whether in the same or a different jurisdiction, and that he is not intentionally registering to vote at more than one residence at the same time, both of which constitute the crime of election fraud and are punishable as a Class 6 felony under the laws of Virginia.

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