

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-1014.1, relating to political*
3 *campaign telephone calls; penalties.*

4 [H 1141]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-1014.1 as follows:**8 *§ 24.2-1014.1. Identifying persons responsible for campaign telephone calls; penalties.*

9 *A. As used in this section, the term "campaign telephone calls" means a series of telephone calls,*
10 *electronic or otherwise, made (i) to twenty-five or more telephone numbers in the Commonwealth, (ii)*
11 *during the 180 days before a general or special election or during the ninety days before a primary,*
12 *(iii) conveying or soliciting information relating to any candidate, or political party participating in the*
13 *election or primary; and (iv) under an agreement to compensate the telephone callers.*

14 *B. It shall be unlawful for any person to make campaign telephone calls without disclosing before*
15 *the conclusion of each telephone call, information to identify the person who has authorized and is*
16 *paying for the calls unless such call is terminated prematurely by means beyond the maker's control.*

17 *The person making the campaign telephone calls shall disclose the following identifying information:*

18 *1. The name of the candidate if the calls are authorized by the candidate, his campaign committee,*
19 *or an agent of the candidate or his campaign committee;*

20 *2. The name of the political party committee if the calls are authorized by that committee or an*
21 *agent of that committee; or*

22 *3. If authorized by any person other than a candidate, his campaign committee, or a political party*
23 *committee or an agent thereof, either:*

24 *a. In the case of a committee that has filed a statement of organization under § 24.2-908, the full*
25 *name of the committee and a registration number provided by the State Board, or*

26 *b. In any other case, the full name and residence address of the individual responsible for the*
27 *campaign telephone calls.*

28 *C. It shall be unlawful for any person who contracts for campaign telephone calls to fail to provide*
29 *to the persons making the telephone calls the identifying information required by this section.*

30 *D. It shall be unlawful for any person to provide a false or fictitious name or address when*
31 *providing the identifying information required under subsection B.*

32 *E. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed*
33 *twenty-five hundred dollars; and, in the case of a willful violation, he shall be guilty of a Class 1*
34 *misdemeanor. The procedure to enforce the civil penalty provided in this section shall be as stated in*
35 *§ 24.2-929. The violation of this section shall not void any election.*

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