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HOUSE BILL NO. 1536

Offered January 31, 2000

A BILL to authorize the State Board of Elections to reschedule the June 12, 2001, primary for certain offices.

Patrons—Cox, Bloxom, Cantor, O'Brien and Sherwood

Introduced at the request of the Governor

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. §1. The provisions of this act shall apply to the November 6, 2001, elections for members of the House of Delegates of Virginia, for constitutional officers, for members of county governing bodies, and for members of county school boards.

§2. The State Board of Elections shall be authorized to reschedule the June 12, 2001, primary date for these offices to any Tuesday after June 12, 2001, and not later than September 11, 2001, if it appears that the necessary 2001 reapportionment or redistricting will not be completed, and pre-clearance from the appropriate United States authority under § 5 of the United States Civil Rights Act will not be received, in time for those primaries to be held on June 12, 2001.

§3. The new primary date set by the State Board of Elections shall not be less than thirty days after the Board votes, in open meeting, to set such new date. The State Board of Elections may vote, no later than May 12, 2001, to postpone the June 12, 2001, primary for these offices without deciding a new date. Any meeting called for the purpose of postponing the primary date or setting a new primary date may not be called with less than seven-days notice to the public and the interested parties. The State Board of Elections shall, at the same time that it sets the new primary date, approve a revised schedule of filing dates for such primary and specify which previously filed documents shall continue to be acceptable despite their referencing the June 12, 2001, primary date.

§4. If the primary is held later than August 1, 2001, ballots for the November 2001 election shall be printed on or before Friday, October 5, 2001, or as soon thereafter as practicable, notwithstanding § 24.2-612.

2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on January 1, 2002. #

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