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HOUSE BILL NO. 71

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-501, 24.2-504, and 24.2-525 of the Code of Virginia, relating to qualifications for candidacy and listing of names on ballots.

Patron—Callahan

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 24.2-501, 24.2-504, and 24.2-525 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-501. Statement of qualification as requirement of candidacy.

It shall be a requirement of candidacy for any office of the Commonwealth, or of its governmental units, that a person must file a written statement under oath, on a form prescribed by the State Board, that he is qualified to vote for and hold the office for which he is a candidate *and that he intends to accept the office if elected*. Every candidate for election to statewide office, the United States House of Representatives, or the General Assembly shall file the statement with the State Board. Every candidate for any other office shall file the statement with the general registrar of the county or city where he resides. Each general registrar shall transmit to the State Board, immediately after the filing deadline, a list of the candidates who have filed statements of qualification.

§ 24.2-504. Persons entitled to have name printed on ballot.

Only a person fulfilling all the requirements of a candidate shall have his name printed on the ballot for the election. No person shall have his name printed on the ballot for more than one office at any one election unless he is permitted by law to hold such offices simultaneously.

§ 24.2-525. Persons entitled to have name printed on ballot.

Only a person meeting all the qualifications and fulfilling all the requirements of a candidate, and who has complied with the rules and regulations of his party, shall have his name printed on the ballot provided for the primary election. No person shall have his name printed on the ballot for more than one office at any one primary election unless he is permitted by law to hold such offices simultaneously.