

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-611 of the Code of Virginia, relating to election pollbooks and*
3 *procedures.*

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5 Approved

[S 205]

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

7 **1. That § 24.2-611 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 24.2-611. Form and signing of pollbooks; use of precinct registered voter lists.

9 A. The following oath shall be on a form prescribed by the State Board, administered to all officers
10 of election, and kept by the officers of election with the pollbook:

11 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will perform the duties for this election according to law and
12 the best of my ability, and that I will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, and abuse in
13 conducting this election."

14 The oath shall be administered to each officer of election by the general registrar, the secretary of the
15 electoral board, or an officer of election designated by them, who shall be so identified on the form. The
16 oath shall be signed by each officer of election and the person administering the oath. The pollbook
17 shall be marked to identify the election for which it is used.

18 B. The State Board shall provide a second or a divisible precinct registered voter list to serve as the
19 pollbook for elections conducted on and after July 1, 1995. The second or divisible list shall (i) provide
20 a space for the officer of election to record the name and consecutive number of the voter at the time he
21 offers to vote and (ii) be retained in accordance with the provisions governing pollbooks in this title.
22 The State Board shall provide a numerical check sheet to be used to determine the consecutive number
23 to be recorded with the name of the voter by the officer of election. When the name and number of the
24 last qualified voter have been entered on the registered voter list, the officer of election responsible for
25 that list shall sign a statement on the check sheet certifying the number of qualified registrants who have
26 voted. The State Board shall provide instructions to the local electoral boards, general registrars, and
27 officers of election for the conduct of the election and for procedures for entering a voting record for
28 each voter and recording each voter's name, including voters unable to enter the polling place, and for
29 verifying the accurate entry of the voting record for each registrant on the Virginia Voter Registration
30 System.

31 C. The State Board shall be authorized to conduct pilot programs in one or more localities, with the
32 consent of the electoral board of the locality, to test the use of a combined precinct registered voter list
33 and pollbook, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary. The pilot programs authorized
34 by this subsection may be conducted at any election held prior to ~~January 1, 2000~~ *July 1, 2001*. Any
35 pilot program conducted by the State Board shall incorporate safeguards to assure that the records of the
36 election, including a combined precinct registered voter list and pollbook, voter count sheets, or other
37 alternative records, will provide promptly an accurate and secure record of those who have voted. The
38 State Board shall report its evaluation of any pilot programs conducted by it and any recommendations
39 for legislation as a result of the programs to the Committees on Privileges and Elections of the General
40 Assembly prior to the year 2000 ~~and 2001 Regular Session~~ *Sessions* of the General Assembly.

41 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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