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SENATE BILL NO. 382

Offered January 20, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-544 of the Code of Virginia, relating to presidential primary procedures; timing; and age qualifications for participation.

Patron—Watkins

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-544 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-544. Time presidential primaries to be held; age qualifications for participation.

A. Primaries for the nomination of candidates for the office of President of the United States to be voted on at the November 2000 general election, and the November general election in each presidential election year thereafter, shall be held on the last Tuesday in February preceding the November general election. Primaries for the nomination of candidates for all offices to be voted on at the May 2000 general election, and the May general election in each presidential election year thereafter, shall be held on the last Tuesday in February preceding the May general election.

B. The provisions of this title shall apply to the conduct of presidential year primaries including the time limits applicable to notices and candidate filing deadlines and the closing of registration records before the primary. The State Board shall provide a schedule for the notices and filing deadlines by the August 1 prior to the February primary including a campaign finance disclosure report filing schedule adjusted to reflect the difference between the June date for other primaries and the February date for the presidential primary, and the March and February primary dates.

C. *Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person who is otherwise qualified and will be eighteen years of age at the next November general election shall be permitted to register in advance of and also vote in any presidential primary and any other primary or special election held on the same day.*

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

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