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SENATE BILL NO. 392

Offered January 21, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-404 of the Code of Virginia, and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-105.2, relating to the responsibilities of the State Board of Elections.

Patrons—Martin, Colgan, Forbes, Lambert, Rerras, Schrock, Watkins and Whipple; Delegates: Albo, Bloxom, Bryant, Cantor, Day, Devolites, Drake, Dudley, Griffith, Howell, Johnson, Jones, S.C., Landes, O'Brien, Plum, Pollard, Putney, Rhodes, Rust, Sherwood, Van Landingham and Wardrup

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-404 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-105.2 as follows:

§ 24.2-105.2. Acceptance of payments by credit card or debit card.

The Secretary of the State Board may accept payment of charges due for voter lists, copies, fines or fees, by use of credit card or debit card. Any credit card used to pay for any voter list must be in the name of a person or organization authorized to receive such list pursuant to § 24.2-405.

§ 24.2-404. Duties of State Board.

A. The State Board shall provide for the continuing operation and maintenance of a central record-keeping system, the Virginia Voter Registration System, for all voters registered in the Commonwealth.

In order to operate and maintain the system, the Board shall:

1. Maintain a complete, separate, and accurate record of all registered voters in the Commonwealth.
2. Require the general registrars to enter the names of all registered voters into the system and to change or correct registration records as necessary.

3. Provide to each general registrar, voter registration cards for newly registered voters and for notice to registered voters on the system of changes and corrections in their registration records and polling places.

4. Require the general registrars to delete from the record of registered voters the name of any voter who (i) is deceased, (ii) is no longer qualified to vote in the county or city where he is registered due to removal of his residence, (iii) has been convicted of a felony, (iv) has been adjudicated incapacitated, or (v) is otherwise no longer qualified to vote as may be provided by law.

5. Retain on the system for four years a separate record for registered voters whose names have been deleted, with the reason for deletion.

6. Provide to each general registrar, at least ten days prior to a general or primary election and three days prior to a special election, a list of all registered voters in the county or city, together with an alphabetical list of all registered voters in each precinct of the county, city, or town. These precinct lists shall be used as the official lists of qualified voters and shall constitute the precinct registered voter lists.

7. Acquire by purchase, lease, or contract equipment necessary to execute the duties of the Board.

8. Use any source of information that may assist in carrying out the purposes of this section. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall cooperate with the State Board in procuring and exchanging identification information for the purpose of maintaining the voter registration system.

9. Reprint and impose a reasonable charge for the sale of any part of Title 24.2, lists of precincts and polling places, statements of election results by precinct, and any other items required of the State Board by law. Receipts from such sales shall be credited to the Board for reimbursement of printing expenses.

B. *The State Board shall be authorized to provide for the production, distribution, and receipt of information and lists through the Virginia Voter Registration System by any appropriate means including, but not limited to, paper and electronic means.*