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HOUSE BILL NO. 2618

Offered January 10, 2001

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-414 and 24.2-416 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the final day to register to vote before an election and closing registration records.

Patrons—Van Landingham, Brink, Cranwell, Hull, Jones, J.C., McEachin, Scott, Spruill, Tate and Watts

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 24.2-414 and 24.2-416 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-414. Final registration day.

Each general registrar shall, ~~twenty-nine~~ *fifteen* days before the day fixed by law for every primary election and every general election that will be held in his jurisdiction, hold a final day of registration for the election. On the final day of registration, the principal office of the general registrar shall be open a minimum of eight hours and shall be closed no later than 5:00 p.m. The registrar shall make a list by name of any persons in line at the time of closing and shall permit those persons to complete an application to register or to make any necessary changes to their registration records.

§ 24.2-416. Closing registration records before elections.

In any county, city, or town in which an election is being held, the registration records shall be closed for the purpose of registering voters on the election day and during the period in advance of the election as provided in this section. The registration records shall be closed during the ~~twenty-eight~~ *fourteen* days before a primary or general election. If the registration records have not been closed previously for a primary or general election, they shall be closed during the six days before a special election called by the Governor, Speaker of the House of Delegates, or President pro tempore of the Senate, or pursuant to rule or resolution of either house of the General Assembly and during the ~~thirteen~~ *fourteen* days before any other special election.

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