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SENATE BILL NO. 1107
Offered January 10, 2001
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A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-305 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 24.2-309.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to election districts and voting precincts and to the 1998-2001 freeze on changes in voting precincts.

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
That § 24.2-305 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:
§ 24.2-305. Composition of election districts and precincts.
A. Each election district and precinct shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory and shall have clearly defined and clearly observable boundaries.
B. A "clearly observable boundary" shall include (i) any named road or street, (ii) any road or highway which is a part of the federal, state primary, or state secondary road system, (iii) any river, stream, or drainage feature ~~forty feet or more in width~~ *shown as a polygon boundary on the TIGER/line files of the United States Bureau of the Census*, or (iv) any other natural or constructed or erected permanent physical feature which is shown on ~~the~~ *an* official ~~county, city, or town~~ map issued by the Virginia Department of Transportation*, ~~or~~* on a United States Geological Survey topographical map*, or as a polygon boundary on the TIGER/line files of the United States Bureau of the Census*. No property line or subdivision boundary shall be ~~used as a precinct boundary unless it appears as a block boundary on the United States Bureau of the Census maps for the 1990 Census~~ *deemed to be a clearly observable boundary unless it is marked by a permanent physical feature that is shown on an official map issued by the Virginia Department of Transportation, on a United States Geological Survey topographical map, or as a polygon boundary on the TIGER/line files of the United States Bureau of the Census.*
That § 24.2-309.1 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.
3. That an emergency exists and the amendments to § 24.2-305 are in force from the passage of this act. The repeal of § 24.2-309.1 shall take effect in due course.