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## SENATE BILL NO. 1217

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-703.1, relating to permanent absentee ballot application for permanently ill or disabled voters.*

Patrons—Whipple, Howell and Ticer; Delegates: Almand, Baskerville, Brink, Darner and Van Landingham

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

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

#### **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-703.1, as follows:**

*§ 24.2-703.1. Permanent application for absentee ballots for certain ill or disabled voters.*

*Any person who is unable to vote at the polls because of a permanent illness or physical disability shall be eligible to file a single application to receive ballots for all elections in which he is eligible to vote. His application shall be accompanied by a statement, on a form prescribed by the State Board and signed by the voter and his physician or accredited religious practitioner, that the voter is unable to vote at the polls because of a permanent illness or physical disability.*

*In accordance with procedures established by the State Board, the general registrar shall retain the application and form, enroll the applicant on a permanent absentee voter applicant list, and process the applicant's request for an absentee ballot for each succeeding election. The applicant shall specify by party designation the primary ballots he is requesting.*

*If an official reply to the application or an absentee ballot sent to the applicant is returned as undeliverable, no ballot for any subsequent election shall be sent to the voter until a new application is filed and accepted.*

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