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HOUSE BILL NO. 66

House Amendments in [] — January 16, 2002

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-703.2, relating to replacement absentee ballots for certain disabled or ill voters; penalty.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Sherwood

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 24.2-703.2 as follows:**

§ 24.2-703.2. Replacement absentee ballots for certain disabled or ill voters; penalty.

A voter seeking to cast an absentee ballot may obtain a replacement absentee ballot subject to the following conditions: (i) the voter applied for an absentee ballot under subdivision 4 of § 24.2-700 because of a physical disability or physical illness; (ii) the application was approved and an absentee ballot mailed to the voter; and (iii) the voter did not receive or has lost the absentee ballot on or before the Saturday before the election. In such case, the voter may request a replacement absentee ballot [by the close of business for the local elections office on the Saturday before election day] and designate, in writing, a representative to obtain a replacement absentee ballot on his behalf from the electoral board or general registrar and to return the [properly completed] ballot [~~to the electoral board or general registrar~~ as directed by the electoral board or general registrar no later than the close of polls on the day of election for which the absentee ballot is valid] . [The representative shall be age eighteen or older and shall not be an elected official, a candidate for elected office, or the deputy, spouse, parent, or child of an elected official or candidate.] The voter and representative shall complete the form prescribed by the State Board to implement the provisions of this section. The form shall include a statement signed by the voter that he did not receive the ballot or has lost the ballot. Statements on the form shall be subject to felony penalties for making false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016.

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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