

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 155

An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-683 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special elections to fill vacancies in offices.

[S 702]

Approved March 16, 2003

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-683 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-683. Writ for special election to fill a vacancy.

Whenever the Governor, Speaker of the House, President pro tempore of the Senate, or either house of the General Assembly orders a special election, he, or the person designated to act for the house, shall issue a writ of election designating the office to be filled at the election and the time to hold the election. He shall transmit the writ to the secretary of the electoral board of each county or city in which the election is to be held. Each secretary shall post a copy of the writ *on the official website for the county or city or* at not less than ~~ten~~ 10 public places or have notice of the election published once in a newspaper of general circulation in his jurisdiction at least ~~ten~~ 10 days before the election. If the special election is held in more than one county or city, the secretaries may act jointly to have the notice published once before the election in the affected jurisdictions.

Whenever a special election is ordered to fill a vacancy otherwise than under the preceding paragraph, the officer ordering the election shall issue his writ of election at the time the vacancy occurs, designating the office to be filled at the election and the time and place to hold the election. He shall direct and transmit the writ to the secretary of the electoral board of each county or city in which the election is to be held. The secretary, or secretaries if the election will be held in more than one county or city, shall proceed to cause public notice to be given of the election in the same manner as is required in the preceding paragraph.

A copy of any order calling a special election to fill a vacancy shall be sent immediately to the State Board.