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HOUSE BILL NO. 1835

House Amendments in [] - January 30, 2007

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-1005.1, relating to the knowing communication of false information to a registered voter to impede his voting; penalty.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Amundson

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 24.2-1005.1 as follows:

§ 24.2-1005.1. Communication of false information to registered voter.

[A. It shall be unlawful for any person to communicate to a registered voter, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, to impede the voter in the exercise of his right to vote, including, but not limited to, false information concerning the voter's precinct, polling place, or registration status. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to communicate to a registered voter, by any means, false information, knowing the same to be false, intended to impede the voter in the exercise of his right to vote. The provisions of this section shall apply to information only about the date, time, and place of the election or the voter's precinct, polling place, or voter registration status.]

B. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

C. A violation of this section may be prosecuted either in the jurisdiction from which the communication was made or in the jurisdiction in which the communication was received.