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HOUSE BILL NO. 1446

Offered January 15, 2008

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-947.7 and 24.2-948.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to campaign finance disclosure reports; filing schedule for May elections.*

Patron—Ingram

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 24.2-947.7 and 24.2-948.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-947.7. Filing schedule for candidates for office; May elections.

A. Any candidate for election to a local office to be filled at a May general election shall file the prescribed campaign finance reports as follows:

1. *Not later than July 15 in a nonelection year for the period January 1 through June 30;*

2. *Not later than January 15 following a nonelection year for the period July 1 through December 31;*

3. *For municipal primary candidates only, not later than the eighth day before the primary date complete through the eleventh day before the primary;*

4. *Not later than April 15 of the election year complete through March 31.*

5. Not later than the eighth day before the election date complete through the eleventh day before the election date;

6. Not later than June 15 of the election year complete through June 10;

7. Not later than July 15 of the election year complete through June 30; and

8. Not later than the following January 15 complete through December 31 and semiannually thereafter, not later than July 15 complete through June 30 and not later than January 15 complete through December 31, and then in accordance with subdivisions A 1 and A 2 or subdivisions A 3 through A 7, as appropriate, of this subsection until a final report is filed.

B. Any candidate, who was subject to the election year filing schedule set out in subdivisions A 1 through A 8 and who has not filed a final report, shall file reports in any subsequent election year for the same office in accordance with the election year filing schedule set out in subdivisions A 1 through A 8.

C. Any candidate shall also file any report of certain large contributions required by § 24.2-947.9 or 24.2-948, if applicable.

§ 24.2-948.2. Reports as condition to qualification for office.

A. No person shall be permitted to qualify for any office, enter upon the duties thereof, or receive any salary or emoluments therefrom until he has filed the campaign finance reports required in subdivisions A 3 through A 9 of § 24.2-947.6; subdivisions A 1, A 2, and A 3 through A 6 of § 24.2-947.7; and subdivisions B 1 and B 2 of § 24.2-947.8, as applicable; and a final report if required by subsection C of § 24.2-948.1; and has responded to and complied with any notice that additional information is required to complete a report in compliance with § 24.2-953.3. No person shall be permitted to qualify for any office, enter upon the duties thereof, or receive any salary or emoluments therefrom until he has paid any civil penalty and returned any contribution required to be returned pursuant to § 24.2-953.5. No officer authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth to issue certificates of election shall issue one to any person determined to be elected to any such office, until copies of the reports cited above have been filed as required in this article.

B. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection A, a person who is elected to fill a vacancy at a special election held on a general election day may qualify for the office and be issued a certificate of election in advance of filing the postelection report required to be filed under subdivision A 9 of § 24.2-947.6 in the case of a November election, or under subdivision A 3 6 of § 24.2-947.7 in the case of a May election, upon the filing of a postelection report complete through the election day.

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