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SENATE BILL NO. 534

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-947.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to campaign finance disclosure; where and how to file candidate reports.

Patron—Herring

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-947.5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-947.5. With whom candidates file reports.

A. Candidates for statewide office shall file the reports required by this article by computer or electronic means in accordance with the standards approved by the State Board.

B. ~~Candidates~~ *Beginning January 1, 2009, candidates* for the General Assembly ~~may~~ *shall* file reports required by this article with the State Board by computer or electronic means in accordance with the standards approved by the State Board. ~~Nonelectronic reports for the General Assembly shall be filed with the State Board and with the electoral board of the locality where the candidate resides.~~

C. *Beginning January 1, 2009, candidates for local or constitutional office in any locality with a population greater than 100,000 shall file reports required by this article with the State Board by computer or other electronic means in accordance with standards approved by the State Board.* Except as provided in § 24.2-948.1, candidates for any other office who file reports in nonelectronic format shall file with the electoral board of the locality in which the candidate resides. Beginning July 1, 2007, candidates for local or constitutional office may file reports required by this article with the State Board by computer or other electronic means in accordance with standards approved by the State Board. Candidates who file by electronic means with the State Board do not have to file reports with the electoral board of the locality in which the candidate resides.

D. Any report that may be filed with the State Board by mail shall be (i) received by the State Board by the deadline for filing the report or (ii) transmitted to the State Board by telephonic transmission to a facsimile device by the deadline for filing the report with an original copy of the report mailed to the State Board and postmarked by the deadline for filing the report.

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