1 **VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER**

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-309.2, relating to prohibiting*
3 *election precinct changes for specified period of time.*

4   [S 715]
5   Approved

6   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
7   **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-309.2 as follows:**
8   *§ 24.2-309.2. Election precincts; prohibiting precinct changes for specified period of time.*
9   *No county, city, or town shall create, divide, abolish, or consolidate any precincts, or otherwise*
10 *change the boundaries of any precinct, effective during the period from February 1, 2009, to May 15,*
11 *2011, except as (i) provided by law upon a change in the boundaries of the county, city, or town, (ii)*
12 *the result of a court order, (iii) the result of a change in the form of government, or (iv) the result of an*
13 *increase or decrease in the number of local election districts other than at-large districts. Any ordinance*
14 *required to comply with the requirements of § 24.2-307 shall be adopted on or before February 1, 2009.*
15   *If a change in the boundaries of a precinct is required pursuant to clause (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) above,*
16 *the county, city, or town shall comply with the applicable requirements of law, including §§ 24.2-304.3*
17 *and 30-264, and send copies of the ordered or enacted changes to the State Board of Elections and the*
18 *Division of Legislative Services.*
19   *This section shall not prohibit any county, city, or town from adopting an ordinance revising precinct*
20 *boundaries or submitting that ordinance to the United States Department of Justice in accordance with*
21 *§ 5 of the United States Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, after January 1, 2011. However, no*
22 *revisions in precinct boundaries shall be implemented in the conduct of elections prior to May 15, 2011.*

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