

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-115 of the Code of Virginia, relating to officers of election.*

3 [H 1791]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 24.2-115 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 24.2-115. Appointment, qualifications, and terms of officers of election.

8 Each electoral board at its regular meeting in the first week of February shall appoint officers of
9 election. Their terms of office shall begin on March 1 following their appointment and continue, at the
10 discretion of the electoral board, for a term not to exceed three years or until their successors are
11 appointed.12 Not less than three competent citizens shall be appointed for each precinct and, insofar as practicable,
13 each officer shall be a qualified voter of the precinct he is appointed to serve, but in any case a
14 qualified voter of the Commonwealth. In appointing the officers of election, representation shall be
15 given to each of the two political parties having the highest and next highest number of votes in the
16 Commonwealth for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election. The representation of the two
17 parties shall be equal at each precinct having an equal number of officers and shall vary by no more
18 than one at each precinct having an odd number of officers. If possible, officers shall be appointed from
19 lists of nominations filed by the political parties entitled to appointments. The party shall file its
20 nominations with the secretary of the electoral board at least 10 days before February 1 each year. *The*
21 *electoral board may appoint additional citizens who do not represent any political party to serve as*
22 *officers but not as the chief officer or the assistant chief officer.*23 Officers of election shall serve for all elections held in their respective precincts during their terms of
24 office unless the electoral board decides that fewer officers are needed for a particular election, in which
25 case party representation shall be maintained as provided above. For a primary election involving only
26 one political party, persons representing the political party holding the primary shall serve as the officers
27 of election if possible.28 The electoral board shall designate one officer as the chief officer of election and one officer as the
29 assistant for each precinct. The officer designated as the assistant for a precinct, whenever practicable,
30 shall not represent the same political party as the chief officer for the precinct.31 The electoral board shall instruct each chief officer and assistant in his duties not less than three nor
32 more than 30 days before each election. Each electoral board may instruct each officer of election in his
33 duties at an appropriate time or times before each November general election.34 If an officer of election is unable to serve at any election during his term of office, the electoral
35 board may at any time appoint a substitute who shall hold office and serve for the unexpired term.36 Additional officers may be appointed in accordance with this section at any time that the electoral
37 board determines that they are needed.38 The secretary of the electoral board shall prepare a list of the officers of election that shall be
39 available for inspection and posted in the general registrar's office prior to March 1 each year. Whenever
40 substitute or additional officers are appointed, the secretary shall promptly add the names of the
41 appointees to the public list.

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