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SENATE BILL NO. 70

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-622 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elections; sample ballots.

Patron—Howell

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-622 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-622. Sample ballots.

Nothing contained in this title shall be construed to prohibit: (i) the printing and circulation of sample paper ballots, which are not printed on white or yellow paper and do include thereon the words "sample ballot" in type no smaller than 24 point; (ii) the printing and circulation of sample voting equipment ballots, provided such sample ballots include on their face the words "sample ballot"; or (iii) the publication in newspapers or on the Internet of sample ballots of either type.

Sample ballots, in whole or in part, other than the official sample ballots, shall not be printed on white or yellow paper. *Prior to January 1 of each year, the State Board shall notify the state chairman of each political party of the color that the party shall use for any sample ballots that the party or its committees or candidates will distribute during the calendar year. Each political party shall be assigned a different color.*

All sample ballots, excepting those official sample ballots authorized by electoral boards, are advertisements for purposes of Chapter 9.5 (§ 24.2-955 et seq.). Voters may take sample ballots into the voting booth or enclosure, but shall not give, tender, or exhibit such sample ballot to any person, other than an assistant designated under § 24.2-649, while inside the polling place or within the prohibited area designated by § 24.2-604.

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