

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-702.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to federal write-in absentee*
3 *ballots; witness requirement.*

4 [S 993]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 24.2-702.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 24.2-702.1. Federal write-in absentee ballots.

9 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a qualified absentee voter who is eligible for an
10 absentee ballot under subdivision 2 of § 24.2-700 may use a federal write-in absentee ballot in general,
11 special, and primary elections for federal office. Such ballot shall be submitted and processed in the
12 manner provided by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. § 1973ff et
13 seq.) and this article.

14 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a federal write-in absentee ballot submitted
15 pursuant to subsection A shall be considered valid for purposes of simultaneously satisfying both an
16 absentee ballot application and a completed absentee ballot for federal offices only, provided that the
17 ballot is received ~~not less than five days prior to~~ *no later than the deadline for the return of absentee*
18 *ballots as provided in § 24.2-709* for the election in which the voter offers to vote, and the application
19 on the envelope contains the following information: (i) the voter's signature; however, if the voter is
20 unable to sign, the person assisting the voter will note this fact in the voter signature box; (ii) the voter's
21 printed name; (iii) the county or city in which he is registered and offers to vote; (iv) the residence
22 address at which he is registered to vote; ~~and~~ (v) his current military or overseas address; *and (vi) the*
23 *signature of a witness who shall sign the same envelope. The envelope must be witnessed, and the*
24 ~~witness shall provide his signature, printed name and address in the witness signature box.~~ *If the voter*
25 *is not currently registered in Virginia and is eligible to be, such federal write-in absentee ballot shall*
26 *also be considered valid for the purpose of serving as a voter registration application.*

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