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**HOUSE BILL NO. 340**

Offered January 13, 2010

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-501 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elections; candidate qualification statements; evidence of qualifications.*

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 24.2-501 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 24.2-501. Statement of qualification as requirement of candidacy.

A. It shall be a requirement of candidacy for any office of the Commonwealth, or of its governmental units, that a person must file a written statement under oath, on a form prescribed by the State Board, that he is qualified to vote for and hold the office for which he is a candidate. Every candidate for election *as president, vice president, or presidential elector or to the United States Senate, other statewide office, the United States House of Representatives, or the General Assembly* shall file the statement with the State Board. Every candidate for any other office shall file the statement with the general registrar of the county or city where he resides. Each general registrar shall transmit to the State Board, immediately after the filing deadline, a list of the candidates who have filed statements of qualification.

B. The candidate may state, as part of his statement of qualification, how he would like his name to appear on the ballot; however, all names printed on the ballot shall meet the criteria established by the State Board.

C. *Each candidate shall provide with his written statement evidence that he meets the qualifications required by the constitutions and statutes of the United States and the Commonwealth. The State Board shall provide a list of acceptable forms of evidence to document the candidate's qualifications for each office.*

D. *The State Board shall notify any candidate for election as president, vice president, or presidential elector or to the United States Senate, other statewide office, the United States House of Representatives, or the General Assembly of any deficiency in his statement or submitted evidence. If the deficiency is not cured in a timely fashion, the candidate's name shall not be printed on the ballot. The local electoral board shall notify any candidate for election to any other office of any deficiency in his statement or submitted evidence. If the deficiency is not cured in a timely fashion, the candidate's name shall not be printed on the ballot.*

E. *Once a candidate has provided evidence of his qualification for an office and had his name printed on a ballot for that office, he shall be deemed to have provided appropriate evidence for all succeeding elections for that office. However, he shall provide appropriate information whenever he moves his residence.*

**2. That the provisions of this act shall be applicable to federal, state, and local elections held after December 31, 2011.**

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