

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-705.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to late applications and*
3 *in-person absentee voting.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 24.2-705.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 24.2-705.1. Late applications and in-person absentee voting for business and medical emergencies.

9 Any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote who becomes obligated after 12:00 noon on
10 the Saturday before an election to be absent from his county or city on election day for a purpose
11 pertaining to (i) his business, profession, or occupation, (ii) the hospitalization of the applicant or a
12 member of his immediate family, or (iii) the death of a member of his immediate family, may apply for
13 an absentee ballot and vote absentee in person pursuant to this section and subject to the following
14 conditions:

15 1. The applicant applies in person for an absentee ballot on the Monday immediately preceding the
16 election, before 2:00 p.m., at the principal office of the registrar; and

17 2. The applicant signs a statement, which shall be deemed part of his absentee ballot application and
18 subject to felony penalties for making false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, that he is required to
19 leave the county or city before the opening of the polls on election day for a purpose pertaining to (i)
20 his business, profession or occupation, (ii) the hospitalization of the applicant or a member of his
21 immediate family, or (iii) the death of a member of his immediate family, and that he did not have
22 notice or knowledge of such required travel prior to 12:00 noon on the immediately preceding Saturday.
23 "Immediate family" means the children *including adopted children*, grandchildren, grandparents, parents,
24 *legal guardian*, siblings ~~and~~ *whether of the whole or half blood*, and spouse of the applicant.

25 "Hospitalization" refers to confinement in a hospital as defined in § 32.1-123 or 37.2-100 and any
26 comparable hospital in the District of Columbia or any state contiguous to Virginia.

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