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## SENATE BILL NO. 302

Senate Amendments in [ ] — February 8, 2010

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-418 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voter registration application; citizenship.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Martin

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

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

**1. That § 24.2-418 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 24.2-418. Application for registration.

A. Each applicant to register shall provide, subject to felony penalties for making false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, the information necessary to complete the application to register. Unless physically disabled, he shall sign the application. The application to register shall be only on a form or forms prescribed by the State Board.

The form of the application to register shall require the applicant to provide the following information: full name; gender; date of birth; social security number, if any; whether the applicant is presently a United States citizen; address of residence in the precinct; place of last previous registration to vote; and whether the applicant has ever been adjudicated incapacitated or convicted of a felony, and if so, under what circumstances the applicant's right to vote has been restored. *The failure of an applicant to provide [ information regarding whether he is presently a United States citizen the information required by this subsection ] shall constitute a material error or omission in the application and the applicant shall not be registered to vote.[ Whenever an application is rejected because it does not provide all of the required information, the local registrar shall promptly notify the applicant, in writing, of the additional required information necessary to complete the application. Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, when an incomplete application was submitted by the deadline for registration prior to an election, the applicant shall be registered to vote for that election if he submits the additional required information on a completed application not later than 11 days before the date of the election.]* The form shall contain a statement that whoever votes more than once in any election in the same or different jurisdictions shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony.

B. The form shall permit any individual, as follows, or member of his household, to furnish, in addition to his residence street address, a post office box address located within the Commonwealth to be included in lieu of his street address on the lists of registered voters and persons who voted, which are furnished pursuant to §§ 24.2-405 and 24.2-406, or on voter registration records made available for public inspection pursuant to § 24.2-444. The voter shall comply with the provisions of § 24.2-424 for any change in the post office box address provided under this subsection.

1. Any active or retired law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101 and in 5 U.S.C. § 8331(20), but excluding officers whose duties relate to detention as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 8331(20);

2. Any party granted a protective order issued by or under the authority of any court of competent jurisdiction, including but not limited to courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

3. Any party who has furnished a signed written statement by the party that he is in fear for his personal safety from another person who has threatened or stalked him, accompanied by evidence that he has filed a complaint with a magistrate or law-enforcement official against such other person; and

4. Any party participating in the address confidentiality program pursuant to § 2.2-515.2.

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