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SENATE BILL NO. 888

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-443.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to duration of temporary voter registration.

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 24.2-443.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 24.2-443.1. Eligibility for temporary registration.

A. The provisions of this article shall apply to:

1. Any person who has been registered to vote pursuant to Article 4 (§ 24.2-417 et seq.) of this chapter, who moves overseas for purposes of employment, and who would continue to be eligible for permanent registration pursuant to Article 4 except for the fact that he has relinquished his place of abode in Virginia;

2. A spouse residing with a person who moves overseas for purposes of employment if the spouse has been registered to vote pursuant to Article 4 (§ 24.2-417 et seq.) of this chapter and would continue to be eligible for permanent registration pursuant to Article 4 except for the fact that they have relinquished their place of abode in Virginia; and

3. A dependent residing with a person who moves overseas for purposes of employment if the dependent has been registered to vote pursuant to Article 4 (§ 24.2-417 et seq.) of this chapter and would continue to be eligible for permanent registration pursuant to Article 4 except for the fact that they have relinquished their place of abode in Virginia.

B. The eligibility of a spouse or dependent to register pursuant to the provisions of this article shall be deemed separate from, and shall not depend on, the eligibility of the employee who moves overseas.

C. Temporary registration pursuant to this article shall entitle the overseas employee, the spouse or the dependents to vote in any state or local election held in the precinct in which the place of abode relinquished by the overseas employee, spouse or dependents is located provided that the individual seeking to register was both registered at and a resident of that place of abode immediately prior to moving overseas. Temporary registration pursuant to this article shall be permitted for the overseas employee, his spouse or dependent residing with him, only so long as the overseas employee, spouse, or dependent votes at least once every five years in an election held in the precinct in which he had been registered immediately preceding his moving overseas.

D. The provisions of this article shall apply to any person otherwise meeting the qualifications of this article who moved overseas on or after July 1, 1999.

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