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HOUSE BILL NO. 628

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 24.2-418.2 and 24.2-423.1, relating to voter registration; information on political party affiliation.*

Patron—LeMunyon

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 24.2-418.2 and 24.2-423.1 as follows:

§ 24.2-418.2. *Application for registration; political party affiliation; independent or undesignated status.*

A. *On and after January 1, 2013, each application to register shall provide a space for the applicant to state his political party affiliation or independent or undesignated status. If the applicant does not state a political party affiliation or independent status, he shall be listed as undesignated in the registration records.*

B. *Each voter registered prior to January 1, 2013, shall be listed as undesignated in the registration records unless the voter changes his designation to a political party affiliation or independent status pursuant to § 24.2-423.1. On and after January 1, 2013, the State Board shall provide the means for each registered voter to provide his political party affiliation or independent or undesignated status for the voter registration system.*

§ 24.2-423.1. *Change of political party affiliation or independent or undesignated status.*

A. *On and after January 1, 2013, and not more frequently than once in any calendar year, any registered voter may change his political party affiliation or independent or undesignated status on his registration record by providing notice in writing, signed by him, to the general registrar of the jurisdiction where he is registered. Such notice may be made in person or by mail or facsimile on a form approved by the State Board, which may be electronic. The notice shall be signed by the voter unless he is physically unable to sign, in which case his own mark acknowledged by a witness shall be sufficient signature. On receipt of the notice prescribed in this subsection, the general registrar shall enter the voter's new political party affiliation or independent or undesignated status on his registration record and issue the voter a new voter registration card confirming the changed affiliation or status.*

B. *No change in a voter's political party affiliation or independent or undesignated status shall be entered in the registration records at any time the registration records are closed pursuant to § 24.2-416.*

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