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SENATE BILL NO. 281

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-504 and 24.2-948.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elections; persons entitled to place on ballot; compliance with campaign finance disclosure provisions.

Patron—Smith

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 24.2-504 and 24.2-948.3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-504. Persons entitled to have name printed on ballot.

A. Only a person fulfilling all the requirements of a candidate *and of § 24.2-948.3* shall have his name printed on the ballot for the election. No person shall have his name printed on the ballot for more than one office at any one election. However, a candidate for federal or statewide office, or a candidate for an office being filled in a special election, may have his name printed on the ballot for two offices at an election.

B. *Only a person who has completed all reporting and filing requirements of Chapter 9.3 (§ 24.2-945 et seq.), paid all civil penalties assessed thereunder, and satisfied all criminal penalties imposed thereunder shall have his name printed on the ballot for the election.*

§ 24.2-948.3. Compliance with reporting requirements of Campaign Finance Disclosure Act as requirement of candidacy for any office.

A. It shall be a requirement of candidacy in any election for ~~statewide any office or the General Assembly~~ that the candidate shall have filed the disclosure reports required by this chapter for any election in which he participated as a candidate for any such office and which was held within the five years preceding the date of the election in which he seeks to be a candidate. For the purposes of this section, the candidate shall be presumed to have complied with the candidate disclosure reporting requirements unless (i) the State Board or local electoral board, whichever is appropriate, has notified the candidate, at least 60 days prior to the applicable deadline for him to file his written statement of qualification set out in § 24.2-503, that he has failed to file a required report or reports and (ii) the candidate fails to file the specified report or reports by the applicable deadline for filing his written statement of qualification.

B. The authority of the State Board to grant an extension of the deadline established in § 24.2-503 shall include the authority to grant such extension with respect to the requirements of this section.

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