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HOUSE BILL NO. 1765

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-409 of the Code of Virginia, relating to disqualification of voters; felons; procedure.

Patrons—Bell, Robert B., Cosgrove, Iaquinto, Knight, May, Putney, Rust and Watson

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-409 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-409. Central Criminal Records Exchange to transmit monthly lists of felony convictions to State Board.

A. The Division of Central Criminal Records Exchange shall transmit to the State Board by electronic means (i) a monthly list of all persons convicted of a felony during the preceding month and (ii) an annual list of all persons who have been convicted of a felony, regardless of when the conviction occurred. The list shall be in a format specified by the State Board and shall contain the convicted person's name; address; county, city, or town of residence; social security number, if any; date and place of birth; and date of conviction. The Board shall maintain a permanent record of the information in the lists as part of the voter registration system. Upon receipt of the monthly list, the Board shall compare, on a monthly basis, the contents of the list to the list of all registered voters maintained on the voter registration system and shall notify the appropriate general registrar of the felony conviction of any registered voter. Upon receipt of the annual list, the Board shall compare the contents of the list to the list of all registered voters maintained on the voter registration system and shall notify the appropriate general registrar of the felony conviction of any registered voter. The general registrars shall have access to the information in the lists to carry out their duties pursuant to § 24.2-427.

B. The State Board shall forward the name of each person who applies to register to vote and the person's other descriptive information contained in the application, including gender, date of birth, social security number, and address to the Central Criminal Records Exchange. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall conduct a search of its own criminal history records to determine if such person has ever been convicted of a felony and report the results of such search to the State Board.