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**SENATE BILL NO. 958**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-416.4 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-414.1, relating to closing time of registration sites and mail registration deadline on final day of registration.*

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

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

**1. That § 24.2-416.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-414.1 as follows:**

**§ 24.2-414.1. Closing time of registration sites on final day.**

*The principal office of the registrar and any other voter registration location provided for in §§ 24.2-411.1, 24.2-411.2, and 24.2-412 shall close for voter registration purposes at 5:00 p.m. on the final day of registration.*

**§ 24.2-416.4. Return of mail voter registration applications.**

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-416, a mail voter registration application returned through the United States Postal Service shall be deemed to have been made as of the date of the postmark affixed to such application by the United States Postal Service. If no such postmark is affixed or if the postmark affixed by the United States Postal Service is illegible or bears no date, such application shall be deemed to have been timely if received through the United States mail no later than five days following the time for the closing of the registration books pursuant to § 24.2-416.

B. In any other case, a completed mail voter registration application shall be deemed timely if received by any general registrar or any person authorized to receive voter registration applications pursuant to § 24.2-415.1, by the deadline provided for in § 24.2-416 for closing the registration books 5:00 p.m. on the final day of registration provided for in § 24.2-414.

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