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**SENATE BILL NO. 963**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-115.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to officers of elections; multiple precincts.*

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

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

**1. That § 24.2-115.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 24.2-115.1. Officers of election; hours of service.**

A. The electoral board may provide that the officers of election for one or more precincts may be assigned to work all or a portion of the time that the precinct is open on election day. Any officer of election assisting with the closing of the precinct and reporting the results of the votes at the precinct shall be required to report to the precinct at least one hour prior to the closing of the precinct. However, the chief officer and the assistant chief officer, appointed pursuant to § 24.2-115 to represent the two political parties, shall be on duty at all times. The electoral board may provide for the administration of the oath of office provided for in § 24.2-120 and the oath required in § 24.2-611 to be kept with the pollbook at times convenient for officers of election assigned to work only a portion of the time that the precinct is open on election day.

B. *If the polling places for more than one precinct are located in the same building, the electoral board may designate officers of election who may work in any or all such precincts throughout election day as needed. The electoral board shall select the chief officer of election for one of the precincts who shall have the authority throughout election day to determine in which precinct such designated officers shall work.*

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