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**SENATE BILL NO. 964**

Offered January 9, 2013

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-603 of the Code of Virginia, relating to hours polls to be open.*Patron—Ebbin

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 24.2-603 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 24.2-603. Hours polls to be open; closing the polls.**

At all elections, the polls shall be ~~open~~ *opened* at each polling place at 6:00 a.m. on the day of the election and closed at ~~7:00~~ 8:00 p.m. on the same day except as provided for central absentee voter precincts pursuant to subsection F of § 24.2-712.

At ~~6:45~~ 7:45 p.m. an officer of election shall announce that the polls will close in ~~fifteen~~ 15 minutes. The officers of election shall list the names of all qualified voters in line before the polling place at ~~7:00~~ 8:00 p.m. and permit those voters and no others to vote after ~~7:00~~ 8:00 p.m.

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