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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1231**

Offered January 17, 2014

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-625.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elections; voting machines.

Patrons—Sickles and Cole

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-625.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-625.2. Wireless communications at polling places.

There shall be no wireless communications on election day, while the polls are open, between or among voting machines within the polling place or between any voting machine within the polling place and any equipment outside the polling place. Voting machines purchased by any locality on and after July 1, 2014, shall not allow wireless communications at any time. For purposes of this section, the term "wireless communication shall mean" means the ability to transfer information via electromagnetic waves without the use of electrical conductors.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to voting machines purchased by any locality before July 1, 2007.

The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the operation of electronic pollbook devices at polling places on election day.