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**HOUSE BILL NO. 693**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-646.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voting by paper ballot.*Patron—Torian

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 24.2-646.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 24.2-646.1. Permitted use of paper ballots.**

The official paper ballot shall be used by a voter to cast his vote only in one of the following circumstances:

1. The official paper ballot is the only ballot in use in the precinct.
2. The official paper ballot is used by voters voting outside the polling place pursuant to § 24.2-649.
3. The voter is casting a provisional ballot.
4. The voter is provided an official paper ballot or copy thereof (i) pursuant to § 24.2-642 when voting equipment is inoperable or otherwise unavailable or (ii) when in the opinion of the chief officer of election for the precinct conditions at the precinct necessitate the use of paper ballots.
5. The official absentee paper ballot voted in accordance with (§ 24.2-700 et seq.).
6. The voter is provided an official paper ballot for a presidential election pursuant to § 24.2-402.

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