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**SENATE BILL NO. 1066**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-613.1, relating to ballots; single ballot used for concurrent elections.*

Patron—Obenshain

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-613.1 as follows:**

**§ 24.2-613.1. Single ballot used for concurrent elections.**

A. *The provisions of this section shall apply only if a special election to fill a vacancy in an office has been called on the day of the general election at which that office is regularly scheduled to be filled. The ballots provided therein shall comply with the requirements of this title and the standards prescribed by the State Board.*

B. *When the same candidates, including party nominees and independent candidates, have qualified to have their names printed on the ballots for the same office at the concurrently held general and special elections, a single ballot shall be used. The ballot shall be clearly identified as being the ballot for both the general and special elections for that office.*

C. *A candidate who has qualified to have his name printed on the ballot for an office at the general election shall be deemed to have qualified to have his name printed on the ballot for that same office at the concurrently held special election, provided he has filed a declaration of candidacy for that office at the special election.*

D. *A candidate who has qualified to have his name printed on the ballot for an office at the general election shall not be required to be a candidate for that same office at the concurrently held special election and may choose to be a candidate for the office at the general election only. Any person who has not qualified to have his name printed on the ballot for an office at the general election may seek to qualify to have his name printed on the ballot for that office at the special election. In any case, the duly constituted authorities of the state, district, or other appropriate political party shall have the right to nominate a different candidate or to adopt the primary as the method for nominating its candidate for that office at the special election.*

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