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HOUSE BILL NO. 713

Offered January 13, 2016

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A BILL to provide for an advisory referendum relating to the tolling of certain highways.

Patron—Marshall, R.G.

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. It shall be the duty of the election officers of all counties and cities in Planning District 8 conducting the general election on November 8, 2016, at the places appointed for holding the same, to open a poll and take the sense of the qualified voters of such counties and cities on the question stated below. The State Board of Elections shall have notice of the referendum published in accordance with the provisions of § 30-19.10 of the Code of Virginia.

The ballots to be used at the election shall pose the question in substantially the following form:

QUESTION 1: "Should tolls be imposed and collected on Interstate 66 inside the Capital Beltway?"

[] YES

[] NO

QUESTION 2: "Should tolls be imposed and collected on Interstate 66 outside the Capital Beltway?"

[] YES

[] NO

The ballots shall be prepared, distributed, and voted, and the results thereof ascertained and certified, in the manner prescribed by Title 24.2 of the Code of Virginia. The State Board of Elections shall comply with § 30-19.10 of the Code of Virginia and shall cause to be sent to the electoral board of each county and city in Planning District 8 sufficient copies of the question contained herein and a neutral explanation of the question for the officers of election to post in each polling place on election day.

The electoral board of each county and city in Planning District 8 shall make out, certify, and forward an abstract of the votes cast for and against the question in the manner now prescribed by law in relation to votes cast in general elections.

The State Board of Elections shall open and canvass such abstracts and examine and report the whole number of votes cast at the election for and against the question in the manner now prescribed by law in relation to votes cast in general elections. The State Board of Elections shall announce the results of the referendum.

The expenses incurred in conducting this referendum shall be defrayed as in the case of other November general elections.

The results of the referendum shall be advisory only.