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HOUSE BILL NO. 2365

Offered January 16, 2017

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-416 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registration records; deadline extension.

Patrons—Toscano; Senator: McClellan

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-416 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-416. Closing registration records before elections; deadline extension.

In any county, city, or town in which an election is being held, the registration records shall be closed for the purpose of registering voters on the election day and during the period in advance of the election as provided in this section. ~~The registration records shall be closed during the twenty-eight days before a primary or general election. Beginning January 1, 2010, the~~ The registration records shall be closed during the 21 days before a primary or general election. If the registration records have not been closed previously for a primary or general election, they shall be closed during the six days before a special election called by the Governor, Speaker of the House of Delegates, or President pro tempore of the Senate, or pursuant to rule or resolution of either house of the General Assembly and during the thirteen days before any other special election. *In the event of an emergency, the State Board by a majority vote may extend the date of the closing of the registration records for a period not to exceed seven days.*

For purposes of this section, "emergency" means (i) an emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to Chapter 3.2 (§ 44-146.13 et seq.) of Title 44 or declared by the President of the United States or the governor of another state pursuant to law and confirmed by the Governor by an executive order or (ii) a failure of the Virginia voter registration system that prevents the timely registration of voters before the close of registration records pursuant to this section.

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