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SENATE BILL NO. 7

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-947.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to statements of organization; campaign depository account number required.*

Patrons—Ebbin; Delegate: Kory

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 24.2-947.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 24.2-947.1. Statement of organization.**

A. Any individual seeking or campaigning for an office of the Commonwealth or one of its governmental units in a party nomination process or general, primary, or special election, shall file a statement of organization within 10 days of meeting any one of the following conditions:

1. Acceptance of a contribution;
2. Expenditure of any funds;
3. The payment of a filing fee for any party nomination method;
4. The filing of a candidate statement of qualification pursuant to § 24.2-501; or
5. The appointment of a campaign treasurer, designation of a campaign committee, or designation of a campaign depository.

B. Candidates for statewide office shall file the statement with the State Board. Candidates for the General Assembly shall file the statement with the State Board and a copy of the statement with the general registrar of the locality of the candidate's residence. Candidates for local or constitutional office shall file the statement with the general registrar and, if the statement indicates that the candidate committee will be filing electronically, a copy with the State Board.

C. The statement of organization shall include the following information:

1. The full name and residence address of the candidate;
2. The full name and mailing address for the campaign committee;
3. The full name, residence address, and daytime phone number of the treasurer;
4. The office being sought and district, if any, for the office;
5. The recognized political party affiliation of the candidate for statewide office or the General Assembly. In the absence of any political party affiliation, independent shall be used;

6. The name of the financial institution for *and account number of* his campaign depository. *No statement of organization made available for public inspection shall contain the account number of the campaign depository; and*

7. Such other information as shall be required by the State Board ~~except that the account number for a designated depository account shall not be required.~~

D. In the case of any candidate who seeks election for successive terms in the same office, the statement of organization filed by the candidate shall continue in effect for such successive elections, but the candidate shall file notice of any changes in the information provided on the form within 10 days of the change with the State Board, general registrar, or both, as appropriate.

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