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## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to direct the State Board of Elections to revise its regulations for reviewing and processing candidate petitions.

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

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1. § 1. That the State Board of Elections, on or before January 1, 2020, shall revise its processes and associated regulations for reviewing and processing candidate petitions. Such revisions shall provide a process for checking petition signatures that includes a method for determining if a petition signature belongs to an individual whose prior registration has been canceled and the reason for such cancellation. The process shall provide for the tracking of such information associated with each petition. The process shall provide for the escalation of cases of suspected fraud to the electoral board, the State Board, or the office of the attorney for the Commonwealth, as appropriate.