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## SENATE BILL NO. 979

Offered January 15, 2020

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-945 of the Čode of Virginia, relating to Campaign Finance Disclosure Act of 2006; applicability to nominations and elections for directors of soil and water conservation districts.

## Patron—Suetterlein

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-945 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-945. Elections to which chapter applicable; chapter exclusive.

A. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all elections held in Virginia, including referenda, and to nominating conventions, mass meetings, and other methods to nominate a political party candidate for public office, except nominations and elections for (i) members of the United States Congress, (ii) President and Vice President of the United States, (iii) town office in a town with a population of less than 25,000, *or* (iv) directors of soil and water conservation districts, or (v) political party committees.

The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to a candidate for a town office in a town with a population of less than 25,000 if (a) such candidate accepts contributions or makes expenditures in excess of \$25,000 within the candidate's election cycle, as set forth in § 24.2-947, or (b) the governing body of any such town provides, by ordinance, that such provisions so apply.

B. This chapter shall constitute the exclusive and entire campaign finance disclosure law of the Commonwealth, and elections to which the chapter applies shall not be subject to further regulation by local law.