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1   **HOUSE BILL NO. 1746**
2   Offered January 13, 2021
3   Prefiled December 3, 2020
4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-655.1, relating to conduct of*
5   *elections; vote counting; required live video recording.*
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Patrons—Cole, M.L., Batten, Byron, Fowler, Freitas, LaRock, Marshall, Miyares, Orrock, Walker,
   Webert, Wiley, Wright and Wyatt; Senators: Chase, Kiggans, Stanley and Stuart

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8   Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
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10   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-655.1 as follows:**
12   *§ 24.2-655.1. Required live video recording of vote counting.*
13   *The general registrar of each county and city shall provide for a live video recording of each polling*
14 *place while the absentee ballots are cast, votes are counted, and returns are completed and each central*
15 *absentee precinct while ballots are being handled and returns are processed. The live video recording*
16 *shall include date and time indicators and shall be linked to the official website of the county or city.*
17 *The Department of Elections shall post links on its official website to the video coverage for viewing by*
18 *the public. The general registrar of each county and city shall ensure the video coverage is recorded*
19 *and shall retain such recordings until the deadline to request a recount has passed and, if any contest*
20 *or recount is pending thereafter, until it has been concluded. The chief election officer in each polling*
21 *place shall not be liable for any disruption of the live video feed but shall attempt to reinstate the video*
22 *coverage as soon as practicable. Any disruption in video coverage shall not affect or prevent the*
23 *continued casting of absentee ballots, counting of votes, or completion of returns, and shall not be*
24 *grounds for contesting the election pursuant to Article 2 (§ 24.2-803 et seq.) of Chapter 8.*