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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-119.2, relating to elections administration; requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act; deferment of response when request received during certain period of time.

Patron-Ware

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-119.2 as follows: § 24.2-119.2. Freedom of Information Act; deferment of response.

The local electoral boards and general registrars shall respond to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) in accordance with law, except that a local electoral board or general registrar may defer responding to any such request received on or after the first day on which absentee voting in person is available for an election pursuant to § 24.2-701.1 and before the tenth day following the certification of such election pursuant to § 24.2-676. Upon receipt of such request, the local electoral board or the general registrar shall promptly notify the requestor of the deferment and shall provide the date on which the response will be provided to the requestor.