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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 796
2	Offered January 12, 2022
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4	A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-101, 24.2-404, as it is currently effective and as it shall become
5	effective, 24.2-409, 24.2-409.1, 24.2-410, 24.2-418, 24.2-427, 53.1-5, 53.1-10, 64.2-2000, and
6	64.2-2009 of the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered
7	24.2-400.1, 24.2-409.2, and 24.2-418.2; and to repeal Chapter 12.1 (§§ 53.1-231.1 and 53.1-231.2)
8	of Title 53.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voter registration; restoration of political rights
9	upon release from incarceration; certain adjudications.
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12	Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
13 14	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
15	1. That §§ 24.2-101, 24.2-404, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 24.2-409,
16	24.2-409.1, 24.2-410, 24.2-418, 24.2-427, 53.1-5, 53.1-10, 64.2-2000, and 64.2-2009 of the Code of
17	Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections
18	numbered 24.2-400.1, 24.2-409.2, and 24.2-418.2 as follows:
19	§ 24.2-101. Definitions.
20	As used in this title, unless the context requires a different meaning:
21	"Ballot scanner machine" means the electronic counting machine in which a voter inserts a marked
22	ballot to be scanned and the results tabulated.
23	"Candidate" means a person who seeks or campaigns for an office of the Commonwealth or one of
24	its governmental units in a general, primary, or special election and who is qualified to have his name
25	placed on the ballot for the office. "Candidate" shall include a person who seeks the nomination of a
26	political party or who, by reason of receiving the nomination of a political party for election to an
27	office, is referred to as its nominee. For the purposes of Chapters 8 (§ 24.2-800 et seq.), 9.3 (§ 24.2-945
28	et seq.), and 9.5 (§ 24.2-955 et seq.), "candidate" shall include any write-in candidate. However, no
29	write-in candidate who has received less than 15 percent of the votes cast for the office shall be eligible
30	to initiate an election contest pursuant to Article 2 (§ 24.2-803 et seq.) of Chapter 8. For the purposes of
31	Chapters 9.3 (§ 24.2-945 et seq.) and 9.5 (§ 24.2-955 et seq.), "candidate" shall include any person who
32 33	raises or spends funds in order to seek or campaign for an office of the Commonwealth, excluding
33 34	federal offices, or one of its governmental units in a party nomination process or general, primary, or special election; and such person shall be considered a candidate until a final report is filed pursuant to
35	Article 3 (§ 24.2-947 et seq.) of Chapter 9.3.
36	"Central absentee voter precinct" means a precinct established pursuant to § 24.2-712 for the
37	processing of absentee ballots for the county or city or any combination of precincts within the county
38	or city.
39	"Constitutional office" or "constitutional officer" means a county or city office or officer referred to
40	in Article VII, Section 4 of the Constitution of Virginia: clerk of the circuit court, attorney for the
41	Commonwealth, sheriff, commissioner of the revenue, and treasurer.
42	"Department of Elections" or "Department" means the state agency headed by the Commissioner of
43	Elections.
44	"Direct recording electronic machine" or "DRE" means the electronic voting machine on which a
45	voter touches areas of a computer screen, or uses other control features, to mark a ballot and his vote is
46	recorded electronically.
47	"Election" means a general, primary, or special election.
48	"Election district" means the territory designated by proper authority or by law which is represented
49 50	by an official elected by the people, including the Commonwealth, a congressional district, a General Assembly district, or a district for the election of an official of a county, city, town, or other
50 51	governmental unit.
52	"Electoral board" or "local electoral board" means a board appointed pursuant to § 24.2-106 to
53	administer elections for a county or city. The electoral board of the county in which a town or the
54	greater part of a town is located shall administer the town's elections.
55	"Entrance of polling place" or "entrance to polling place" means an opening in the wall used for
56	ingress to a structure.
57	"General election" means an election held in the Commonwealth on the Tuesday after the first
58	Monday in November or on the first Tuesday in May for the purpose of filling offices regularly

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59 scheduled by law to be filled at those times.

60 "General registrar" means the person appointed by the electoral board of a county or city pursuant to § 24.2-110 to be responsible for all aspects of voter registration, in addition to other duties prescribed by 61

62 this title. When performing duties related to the administration of elections, the general registrar is acting 63 in his capacity as the director of elections for the locality in which he serves.

"Incarceration" means confinement inside the physical boundaries of a state correctional facility or a 64 65 local correctional facility, as those terms are defined in § 53.1-1, for 24 hours a day. "Incarceration" does not include any period of probation, parole, or postrelease supervision, or of confinement in a 66 community correctional facility, as that term is defined in § 53.1-1. 67

"Machine-readable ballot" means a tangible ballot that is marked by a voter or by a system or device 68 69 operated by a voter, is available for verification by the voter at the time the ballot is cast, and is then fed into and scanned by a separate counting machine capable of reading ballots and tabulating results. "Officer of election" means a person appointed by an electoral board pursuant to § 24.2-115 to serve 70

71 72 at a polling place for any election. 73

"Paper ballot" means a tangible ballot that is marked by a voter and then manually counted.

74 "Party" or "political party" means an organization of citizens of the Commonwealth which, at either 75 of the two preceding statewide general elections, received at least 10 percent of the total vote cast for any statewide office filled in that election. The organization shall have a state central committee and an 76 77 office of elected state chairman which have been continually in existence for the six months preceding 78 the filing of a nominee for any office.

79 "Person with a disability" means a person with a disability as defined by the Virginians with 80 Disabilities Act (§ 51.5-1 et seq.).

"Polling place" means the structure that contains the one place provided for each precinct at which 81 the qualified voters who are residents of the precinct may vote. 82

"Precinct" means the territory designated by the governing body of a county, city, or town to be 83 84 served by one polling place.

85 "Primary" or "primary election" means an election held for the purpose of selecting a candidate to be 86 the nominee of a political party for election to office.

"Printed ballot" means a tangible ballot that is printed on paper and includes both machine-readable 87 88 ballots and paper ballots.

89 "Release from incarceration" means release from confinement inside the physical boundaries of a 90 state correctional facility or a local correctional facility, as those terms are defined in § 53.1-1; 91 however, the release to the custody of an out-of-state correctional facility or federal detention center 92 shall not be deemed a release from incarceration for purposes of this title.

93 "Qualified voter" means a person who is entitled to vote pursuant to the Constitution of Virginia and 94 who is (i) 18 years of age on or before the day of the election or qualified pursuant to § 24.2-403 or 95 subsection D of § 24.2-544, (ii) a resident of the Commonwealth and of the precinct in which he offers 96 to vote, and (iii) a registered voter. No person who has been convicted of a felony shall be a qualified 97 voter unless his civil rights have been restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority. No 98 person adjudicated incapacitated shall be a qualified voter unless his capacity has been reestablished as 99 provided by law. Whether a signature should be counted towards satisfying the signature requirement of any petition shall be determined based on the signer of the petition's qualification to vote. For purposes 100 101 of determining if a signature on a petition shall be included in the count toward meeting the signature 102 requirements of any petition, "qualified voter" shall include only persons maintained on the Virginia voter registration system (a) with active status and (b) with inactive status who are qualified to vote for 103 104 the office for which the petition was circulated.

"Qualified voter in a town" means a person who is a resident within the corporate boundaries of the 105 town in which he offers to vote, duly registered in the county of his residence, and otherwise a qualified 106 107 voter.

108 'Referendum" means any election held pursuant to law to submit a question to the voters for 109 approval or rejection.

110 "Registered voter" means any person who is maintained on the Virginia voter registration system. All 111 registered voters shall be maintained on the Virginia voter registration system with active status unless assigned to inactive status by a general registrar in accordance with Chapter 4 (§ 24.2-400 et seq.). For 112 113 purposes of applying the precinct size requirements of § 24.2-307, calculating election machine requirements pursuant to Article 3 (§ 24.2-625 et seq.) of Chapter 6, mailing notices of local election 114 district, precinct or polling place changes as required by subdivision 13 of § 24.2-114 and § 24.2-306, 115 and determining the number of signatures required for candidate and voter petitions, "registered voter" 116 shall include only persons maintained on the Virginia voter registration system with active status. For 117 purposes of determining if a signature on a petition shall be included in the count toward meeting the 118 signature requirements of any petition, "registered voter" shall include only persons maintained on the 119 Virginia voter registration system (i) with active status and (ii) on inactive status who are qualified to 120

121 vote for the office for which the petition was circulated.

122 "Registration records" means all official records concerning the registration of qualified voters and 123 shall include all records, lists, applications, and files, whether maintained in books, on cards, on 124 automated data bases, or by any other legally permitted record-keeping method.

125 "Residence" or "resident," for all purposes of qualification to register and vote, means and requires 126 both domicile and a place of abode. To establish domicile, a person must live in a particular locality 127 with the intention to remain. A place of abode is the physical place where a person dwells.

128 "Special election" means any election that is held pursuant to law to fill a vacancy in office or to 129 hold a referendum.

130 "State Board" or "Board" means the State Board of Elections.

131 "Virginia voter registration system" or "voter registration system" means the automated central 132 record-keeping system for all voters registered within the Commonwealth that is maintained as provided 133 in Article 2 (§ 24.2-404 et seq.) of Chapter 4.

"Voting system" means the electronic voting and counting machines used at elections. This term 134 135 includes direct recording electronic machines (DRE) and ballot scanner machines.

§ 24.2-400.1. Persons entitled to register and vote; restoration of rights. 136

137 Any person who is convicted of a felony and sentenced to a period of incarceration for such felony 138 conviction shall not be entitled to register to vote or to vote for the duration of the period of 139 incarceration, but he shall be invested with all political rights lost as a result of the felony conviction 140 upon release from incarceration and shall be entitled to register to vote as provided in this chapter. 141

§ 24.2-404. (Effective until October 1, 2022) Duties of Department of Elections.

142 A. The Department of Elections shall provide for the continuing operation and maintenance of a 143 central recordkeeping system, the Virginia voter registration system, for all voters registered in the 144 Commonwealth.

145 In order to operate and maintain the system, the Department shall: 146

1. Maintain a complete, separate, and accurate record of all registered voters in the Commonwealth.

147 2. Require the general registrars to enter the names of all registered voters into the system and to 148 change or correct registration records as necessary.

149 3. Provide to each general registrar voter confirmation documents for newly registered voters and for 150 notice to registered voters on the system of changes and corrections in their registration records and 151 polling places.

152 4. Require the general registrars to delete from the record of registered voters the name of any voter 153 who (i) is deceased, (ii) is no longer qualified to vote in the county or city where he is registered due to 154 removal of his residence, (iii) has been convicted of a felony, (iv) has been adjudicated incapacitated to 155 lack the capacity to understand the act of voting, (v) is known not to be a United States citizen by 156 reason of reports from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 24.2-410.1 or from the 157 Department of Elections based on information received from the Systematic Alien Verification for 158 Entitlements Program (SAVE Program) pursuant to subsection E, or (vi) is otherwise no longer qualified 159 to vote as may be provided by law. Such action shall be taken no later than 30 days after notification 160 from the Department. The Department shall promptly provide the information referred to in this 161 subdivision, upon receiving it, to general registrars.

162 5. Retain on the system for four years a separate record for registered voters whose names have been 163 deleted, with the reason for deletion.

164 6. Retain on the system permanently a separate record for information received regarding deaths, 165 felony convictions, and adjudications of incapacity pursuant to §§ 24.2-408 through 24.2-410.

7. Provide to each general registrar, at least 16 days prior to a general or primary election and three 166 167 days prior to a special election, an alphabetical list of all registered voters in each precinct or portion of a precinct in which the election is being held in the county, city, or town. These precinct lists shall be 168 used as the official lists of qualified voters and shall constitute the pollbooks. The Department shall 169 170 provide instructions for the division of the pollbooks and precinct lists into sections to accommodate the 171 efficient processing of voter lines at the polls. Prior to any general, primary, or special election, the 172 Department shall provide any general registrar, upon his request, with a separate electronic list of all 173 registered voters in the registrar's county or city. If electronic pollbooks are used in the locality or 174 electronic voter registration inquiry devices are used in precincts in the locality, the Department shall 175 provide a regional or statewide list of registered voters to the general registrar of the locality. The 176 Department shall determine whether regional or statewide data is provided. Neither the pollbook nor the 177 regional or statewide list of registered voters shall include the day and month of birth of the voter, but 178 shall include the voter's year of birth.

179 8. Acquire by purchase, lease, or contract equipment necessary to execute the duties of the 180 Department.

181 9. Use any source of information that may assist in carrying out the purposes of this section. All HB796

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182 agencies of the Commonwealth shall cooperate with the Department in procuring and exchanging 183 identification information for the purpose of maintaining the voter registration system. The Department 184 may share any information that it receives from another agency of the Commonwealth with any Chief 185 Election Officer of another state for the maintenance of the voter registration system.

186 10. Cooperate with other states and jurisdictions to develop systems to compare voters, voter history, 187 and voter registration lists to ensure the accuracy of the voter registration rolls, to identify voters whose 188 addresses have changed, to prevent duplication of registration in more than one state or jurisdiction, and 189 to determine eligibility of individuals to vote in Virginia.

190 11. Reprint and impose a reasonable charge for the sale of any part of Title 24.2, lists of precincts 191 and polling places, statements of election results by precinct, and any other items required of the 192 Department by law. Receipts from such sales shall be credited to the Board for reimbursement of 193 printing expenses.

194 B. The Department shall be authorized to provide for the production, distribution, and receipt of 195 information and lists through the Virginia voter registration system by any appropriate means including, 196 but not limited to, paper and electronic means. The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) shall not apply to records about individuals maintained in this system. 197

198 C. The State Board shall institute procedures to ensure that each requirement of this section is 199 fulfilled. As part of its procedures, the State Board shall provide that the general registrar shall mail 200 notice of any cancellation pursuant to clause (v) of subdivision A 4 to the person whose registration is 201 cancelled.

202 D. The State Board shall promulgate rules and regulations to ensure the uniform application of the 203 law for determining a person's residence.

E. The Department shall apply to participate in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements 204 205 Program (SAVE Program) operated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the U.S. 206 Department of Homeland Security for the purposes of verifying that voters listed in the Virginia voter registration system are United States citizens. Upon approval of the application, the Department shall 207 208 enter into any required memorandum of agreement with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The 209 State Board shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the use of the immigration status and 210 citizenship status information received from the SAVE Program.

F. The Department shall report annually by October 1 for the preceding 12 months ending August 31 211 212 to the Committees on Privileges and Elections on each of its activities undertaken to maintain the Virginia voter registration system and the results of those activities. The Department's report shall be 213 214 governed by the provisions of § 2.2-608 and shall encompass activities undertaken pursuant to subdivisions A 9 and 10 and subsection E and pursuant to §§ 24.2-404.3, 24.2-404.4, 24.2-408, 215 24.2-409, 24.2-409.1, 24.2-410, 24.2-410.1, 24.2-427, and 24.2-428. This report shall contain the methodology used in gathering and analyzing the data. The Commissioner of Elections shall certify that 216 217 218 the data included in the report is accurate and reliable.

§ 24.2-404. (Effective October 1, 2022) Duties of Department of Elections.

220 A. The Department of Elections shall provide for the continuing operation and maintenance of a 221 central recordkeeping system, the Virginia voter registration system, for all voters registered in the 222 Commonwealth. 223

In order to operate and maintain the system, the Department shall:

224 1. Maintain a complete, separate, and accurate record of all registered voters in the Commonwealth. 225 Such system shall automatically register a person who has preregistered pursuant to § 24.2-403.1 upon 226 that person becoming eligible for registration under § 24.2-403 or reaching 18 years of age, whichever 227 comes first.

228 2. Require the general registrars to enter the names of all registered voters into the system and to 229 change or correct registration records as necessary.

230 3. Provide to each general registrar voter confirmation documents for newly registered voters, 231 including voters who were automatically registered pursuant to subdivision 1, and for notice to registered voters on the system of changes and corrections in their registration records and polling 232 233 places.

234 4. Require the general registrars to delete from the record of registered voters the name of any voter 235 who (i) is deceased, (ii) is no longer qualified to vote in the county or city where he is registered due to 236 removal of his residence, (iii) has been convicted of a felony, (iv) has been adjudicated incapacitated to 237 lack the capacity to understand the act of voting, (v) is known not to be a United States citizen by 238 reason of reports from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 24.2-410.1 or from the 239 Department of Elections based on information received from the Systematic Alien Verification for 240 Entitlements Program (SAVE Program) pursuant to subsection E, or (vi) is otherwise no longer qualified to vote as may be provided by law. Such action shall be taken no later than 30 days after notification 241 242 from the Department. The Department shall promptly provide the information referred to in this 243 subdivision, upon receiving it, to general registrars.

5. Retain on the system for four years a separate record for registered voters whose names have beendeleted, with the reason for deletion.

6. Retain on the system permanently a separate record for information received regarding deaths,felony convictions, and adjudications of incapacity pursuant to §§ 24.2-408 through 24.2-410.

248 7. Provide to each general registrar, at least 16 days prior to a general or primary election and three 249 days prior to a special election, an alphabetical list of all registered voters in each precinct or portion of 250 a precinct in which the election is being held in the county, city, or town. These precinct lists shall be 251 used as the official lists of qualified voters and shall constitute the pollbooks. The Department shall 252 provide instructions for the division of the pollbooks and precinct lists into sections to accommodate the 253 efficient processing of voter lines at the polls. Prior to any general, primary, or special election, the 254 Department shall provide any general registrar, upon his request, with a separate electronic list of all 255 registered voters in the registrar's county or city. If electronic pollbooks are used in the locality or 256 electronic voter registration inquiry devices are used in precincts in the locality, the Department shall 257 provide a regional or statewide list of registered voters to the general registrar of the locality. The 258 Department shall determine whether regional or statewide data is provided. Neither the pollbook nor the 259 regional or statewide list of registered voters shall include the day and month of birth of the voter, but 260 shall include the voter's year of birth.

261 8. Acquire by purchase, lease, or contract equipment necessary to execute the duties of the262 Department.

9. Use any source of information that may assist in carrying out the purposes of this section. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall cooperate with the Department in procuring and exchanging identification information for the purpose of maintaining the voter registration system. The Department may share any information that it receives from another agency of the Commonwealth with any Chief Election Officer of another state for the maintenance of the voter registration system.

10. Cooperate with other states and jurisdictions to develop systems to compare voters, voter history,
and voter registration lists to ensure the accuracy of the voter registration rolls, to identify voters whose
addresses have changed, to prevent duplication of registration in more than one state or jurisdiction, and
to determine eligibility of individuals to vote in Virginia.

11. Reprint and impose a reasonable charge for the sale of any part of Title 24.2, lists of precincts
and polling places, statements of election results by precinct, and any other items required of the
Department by law. Receipts from such sales shall be credited to the Board for reimbursement of
printing expenses.

B. The Department shall be authorized to provide for the production, distribution, and receipt of information and lists through the Virginia voter registration system by any appropriate means including, but not limited to, paper and electronic means. The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) shall not apply to records about individuals maintained in this system.

280 C. The State Board shall institute procedures to ensure that each requirement of this section is
281 fulfilled. As part of its procedures, the State Board shall provide that the general registrar shall mail
282 notice of any cancellation pursuant to clause (v) of subdivision A 4 to the person whose registration is
283 cancelled.

284 D. The State Board shall promulgate rules and regulations to ensure the uniform application of the285 law for determining a person's residence.

E. The Department shall apply to participate in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements
Program (SAVE Program) operated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the U.S.
Department of Homeland Security for the purposes of verifying that voters listed in the Virginia voter
registration system are United States citizens. Upon approval of the application, the Department shall
enter into any required memorandum of agreement with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The
State Board shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the use of the immigration status and
citizenship status information received from the SAVE Program.

293 F. The Department shall report annually by October 1 for the preceding 12 months ending August 31 294 to the Committees on Privileges and Elections on each of its activities undertaken to maintain the 295 Virginia voter registration system and the results of those activities. The Department's report shall be 296 governed by the provisions of § 2.2-608 and shall encompass activities undertaken pursuant to 297 subdivisions A 9 and 10 and subsection E and pursuant to §§ 24.2-404.3, 24.2-404.4, 24.2-408, 298 24.2-409, 24.2-409.1, 24.2-410, 24.2-410.1, 24.2-427, and 24.2-428. This report shall contain the 299 methodology used in gathering and analyzing the data. The Commissioner of Elections shall certify that 300 the data included in the report is accurate and reliable.

301 § 24.2-409. Central Criminal Records Exchange to transmit lists of felony convictions to 302 Department of Elections.

303 The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall transmit to the Department of Elections by electronic means (i) a monthly list of all persons convicted of a felony *and sentenced to a period of incarceration*

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305 during the preceding month and (ii) an annual list of all persons who have been convicted of a felony 306 and sentenced to a period of incarceration, regardless of when the conviction occurred. The list shall be 307 in a format mutually agreed upon by the Commissioner of Elections and the Department of State Police 308 and shall contain the convicted person's name; address; county, city, or town of residence; social 309 security number, if any; date and place of birth; and date of conviction. The Department shall maintain a 310 permanent record of the information in the lists as part of the voter registration system. Upon receipt of 311 the monthly list, the Department shall compare, on a monthly basis, the contents of the list to the list of 312 all registered voters maintained on the voter registration system and shall notify the appropriate general 313 registrar of the felony conviction of any registered voter who has been convicted of a felony and sentenced to a period of incarceration. Upon receipt of the annual list, the Department shall compare 314 315 the contents of the list to the list of all registered voters maintained on the voter registration system and shall notify the appropriate general registrar of the felony conviction of any registered voter who has 316 317 been convicted of a felony and sentenced to a period of incarceration. The general registrars shall have access to the information in the lists to carry out their duties pursuant to § 24.2-427. 318

\$ 24.2-409.1. Department of Elections to transmit information pertaining to persons convicted of
 a felony in federal court.

Upon receipt of a notice of a felony conviction and imposition of a sentence of incarceration sent by
 a United States attorney pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act (52 U.S.C. § 20501 et seq.), the
 Department shall notify the appropriate general registrar of the conviction and sentence of incarceration.

324 § 24.2-409.2. Information regarding pending releases from incarceration; deadlines for transmittal, 325 processing.

A. The Department of Corrections and the State Board of Local and Regional Jails shall transmit to
 the Department of Elections certain information related to an incarcerated person with a scheduled date
 of release as follows:

329 1. For any scheduled date of release in the period beginning on the first day of a month through the330 fifteenth day of that month, not later than the sixteenth day of the immediately preceding month; and

331 2. For any scheduled date of release in the period beginning on the sixteenth day of a month 332 through the last day of that month, not later than the first day of such month.

333 Such information shall be in a format specified by the Department of Elections and shall include the
 334 incarcerated person's name; address; county, city, or town of residence; social security number, if any;
 335 date and place of birth; and scheduled date of release from incarceration.

B. Upon the receipt of information transmitted pursuant to subsection A, the Department of Elections
shall promptly process the information and make all necessary updates in the Virginia voter registration
system to permit a formerly incarcerated person to register to vote. Such updates shall be completed no
later than the scheduled date of release for such incarcerated person.

§ 24.2-410. Clerks of circuit courts to furnish lists of certain adjudications.

341 The clerk of each circuit court shall furnish monthly to the Department of Elections a complete list 342 of all persons adjudicated incapacitated to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting pursuant to 343 Chapter 20 (§ 64.2-2000 et seq.) of Title 64.2 or whose incapacity lack of capacity to understand the act 344 of voting has been recognized pursuant to § 64.2-2115, and therefore "mentally incompetent" for 345 purposes of this title unless the court order specifically provides otherwise, during the preceding month 346 or a statement that no adjudications have occurred that month. The list shall contain each such person's 347 name; address; county, city, or town of residence; social security number, if any; date and place of birth; 348 and date of adjudication. The Commissioner of Elections and the Executive Secretary shall determine the 349 procedure for furnishing such lists, which may be by electronic means. The Department shall transmit 350 the information from the list to the appropriate general registrars.

§ 24.2-418. Application for registration.

A. Each applicant to register shall provide, subject to felony penalties for making false statements
pursuant to § 24.2-1016, the information necessary to complete the application to register. Unless
physically disabled, he shall sign the application. The application to register shall be only on a form or
forms prescribed by the State Board.

356 The form of the application to register shall require the applicant to provide the following 357 information: full name; gender; date of birth; social security number, if any; whether the applicant is 358 presently a United States citizen; address of residence in the precinct; place of last previous registration 359 to vote; and whether the applicant has ever been adjudicated incapacitated and disqualified to vote to 360 lack the capacity to understand the act of voting and, if so, whether the applicant's capacity has been reestablished or convicted of a felony, and if so, whether the applicant's right to vote has been restored; 361 362 and whether the applicant is serving a sentence of incarceration for a felony conviction at the time the 363 application is completed. The form shall contain a statement that whoever votes more than once in any election in the same or different jurisdictions is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Unless directed by the 364 applicant or as permitted in § 24.2-411.2 or 24.2-411.3, the registration application shall not be 365 366 pre-populated with information the applicant is required to provide.

367 The form of the application to register shall request that the applicant provide his telephone number 368 and email address, but no application shall be denied for failure to provide such information.

369 B. The form shall permit any individual, as follows, or member of his household, to furnish, in 370 addition to his residence street address, a post office box address located within the Commonwealth to 371 be included in lieu of his street address on the lists of registered voters and persons who voted, which 372 are furnished pursuant to §§ 24.2-405 and 24.2-406, on voter registration records made available for 373 public inspection pursuant to § 24.2-444, or on lists of absentee voter applicants furnished pursuant to 374 § 24.2-706 or 24.2-710. The voter shall comply with the provisions of § 24.2-424 for any change in the 375 post office box address provided under this subsection.

376 1. Any active or retired law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101 and in 5 U.S.C. § 8331(20), 377 but excluding officers whose duties relate to detention as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 8331(20);

378 2. Any party granted a protective order issued by or under the authority of any court of competent 379 jurisdiction, including but not limited to courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

380 3. Any party who has furnished a signed written statement by the party that he is in fear for his 381 personal safety from another person who has threatened or stalked him; 382

4. Any party participating in the address confidentiality program pursuant to § 2.2-515.2;

383 5. Any active or retired federal or Virginia justice or judge and any active or retired attorney 384 employed by the United States Attorney General or Virginia Attorney General; and

385 6. Any person who has been approved to be a foster parent pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 63.2-900 et 386 seq.) of Title 63.2.

387 C. If the applicant formerly resided in another state, the general registrar shall send the information 388 contained in the applicant's registration application to the appropriate voter registration official or other 389 authority of another state where the applicant formerly resided, as prescribed in subdivision 15 of 390 § 24.2-114. 391

§ 24.2-418.2. Registration by persons previously incarcerated; safety net.

392 A. Any person who was convicted of a felony and sentenced to a period of incarceration for such 393 felony conviction shall be entitled to register to vote upon his release from incarceration. When 394 registering to vote, such person shall not be required to present evidence, including a court order or 395 other documentation, that he is entitled to register to vote.

396 B. If the Virginia voter registration system indicates an applicant who was previously incarcerated is 397 ineligible to register to vote due to his sentence of incarceration for a felony conviction, but the 398 applicant is otherwise qualified, the general registrar shall promptly notify the applicant. Notice shall be 399 in writing and shall inform the applicant that he may provide a certified copy of his official release 400 document in order to be registered to vote. Such an applicant who provides a certified copy of his 401 official release document shall be registered to vote.

402 § 24.2-427. Cancellation of registration by voter or for persons known to be deceased or 403 disqualified to vote.

404 A. Any registered voter may cancel his registration and have his name removed from the central 405 registration records by signing an authorization for cancellation and mailing or otherwise submitting the 406 signed authorization to the general registrar. When submitted by any means other than when notarized or 407 in person, such cancellation must be made at least 22 days prior to an election in order to be valid in 408 that election. The general registrar shall acknowledge receipt of the authorization and advise the voter in 409 person or by first-class mail that his registration has been canceled within 10 days of receipt of such 410 authorization.

411 B. The general registrar shall cancel the registration of (i) all persons known by him to be deceased 412 or disqualified to vote by reason of a felony conviction and sentence of incarceration for such 413 conviction or adjudication of incapacity; (ii) all persons known by him not to be United States citizens by reason of reports from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 24.2-410.1 or from the 414 Department of Elections based on information received from the Systematic Alien Verification for 415 Entitlements Program (SAVE Program) pursuant to subsection E of § 24.2-404 and in accordance with 416 417 the requirements of subsection B1 C; (iii) all persons for whom a notice has been received, signed by 418 the voter, or from the registration official of another jurisdiction that the voter has moved from the 419 Commonwealth; and (iv) all persons for whom a notice has been received, signed by the voter, or from 420 the registration official of another jurisdiction that the voter has registered to vote outside the 421 Commonwealth, subsequent to his registration in Virginia. The notice received in clauses (iii) and (iv) 422 shall be considered as a written request from the voter to have his registration cancelled canceled. A 423 voter's registration may be cancelled canceled at any time during the year in which the general registrar discovers that the person is no longer entitled to be registered. The general registrar shall mail notice of 424 425 any cancellation to the person whose registration is cancelled canceled.

426 B1. C. The general registrar shall mail notice promptly to all persons known by him not to be United 427 States citizens by reason of a report from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 24.2-410.1 or

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428 from the Department of Elections based on information received from the Systematic Alien Verification 429 for Entitlements Program (SAVE Program) pursuant to subsection E of § 24.2-404 prior to cancelling 430 their registrations. The notice shall inform the person of the report from the Department of Motor 431 Vehicles or from the Department of Elections and allow the person to submit his sworn statement that 432 he is a United States citizen within 14 days of the date that the notice was mailed. The general registrar 433 shall cancel the registrations of such persons who do not respond within 14 days to the notice that they 434 have been reported not to be United States citizens.

435 B2. D. The general registrar shall (i) process the Department's most recent list of persons convicted 436 of felonies and sentenced to a period of incarceration within 21 to 14 days before any primary or 437 general election, (ii) cancel the registration of any registered voter shown to have been convicted of a 438 felony who has not provided evidence that his right to vote has been restored and sentenced to a period 439 of incarceration, and (iii) send prompt notice to the person of the cancellation of his registration. If it 440 appears that any registered voter has made a false statement on his registration application with respect 441 to his having been convicted of serving a period of incarceration for a felony conviction, the general 442 registrar shall report the fact to the attorney for the Commonwealth for prosecution under § 24.2-1016 443 for a false statement made on his registration application.

444 C. E. The general registrar may cancel the registration of any person for whom a notice has been 445 submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with the Driver License Compact set out 446 in Article 18 (§ 46.2-483 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 46.2 and forwarded to the general registrar, that 447 the voter has moved from the Commonwealth; provided that the registrar shall mail notice of such 448 cancellation to the person at both his new address, as reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles, and 449 the address at which he had most recently been registered in Virginia. No general registrar may cancel registrations under this authority while the registration records are closed pursuant to § 24.2-416. No 450 registrar may cancel the registration under this authority of any person entitled to register under the 451 provisions of subsection A of § 24.2-420.1, and shall reinstate the registration of any otherwise qualified 452 453 voter covered by subsection A of § 24.2-420.1 who applies to vote within four years of the date of cancellation. 454 455

§ 53.1-5. Powers and duties of Board.

The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To develop and establish operational and fiscal standards governing the operation of local, 457 458 regional, and community correctional facilities; 459

2. To advise the Governor and Director on matters relating to corrections;

460 3. To make, adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the 461 provisions of this title and other laws of the Commonwealth pertaining to local, regional, and 462 community correctional facilities:

463 4. To ensure the development of programs to educate citizens and elicit public support for the 464 activities of the Department;

465 5. To develop and implement policies and procedures for the review of the death of any inmate that 466 the Board determines warrants review that occurs in any local, regional, or community correctional 467 facility. Such policies and procedures shall incorporate the Board's authority under § 53.1-6 to ensure the 468 production of evidence necessary to conduct a thorough review of any such death;

469 6. To establish minimum standards for health care services, including medical, dental, 470 pharmaceutical, and behavioral health services, in local, regional, and community correctional facilities 471 and procedures for enforcing such minimum standards, with the advice of and guidance from the 472 Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and State Health Commissioner or their 473 designees. Such minimum standards shall require that each local, regional, and community correctional 474 facility submit a standardized quarterly continuous quality improvement report documenting the delivery 475 of health care services, along with any improvements made to those services, to the Board. The Board 476 shall make such reports available to the public on its website. The Board may determine that any local, 477 regional, or community correctional facility that is accredited by the American Correctional Association 478 or National Commission on Correctional Health Care meets such minimum standards solely on the basis 479 of such facility's accreditation status; however, without exception, the requirement that each local, 480 regional, and community correctional facility submit a standardized quarterly continuous quality 481 improvement report to the Board shall be a mandatory minimum standard; and

482 7. To report annually on or before December 1 to the General Assembly and the Governor on the 483 results of the inspections and audits of local, regional, or community correctional facilities conducted 484 pursuant to § 53.1-68 and the reviews of the deaths of inmates that occur in any local, regional, or community correctional facility conducted pursuant to § 53.1-69.1. The report shall include (i) a 485 summary of the results of such inspections, audits, and reviews, including any trends identified by such 486 487 inspections, audits, and reviews and the frequency of violations of each standard established for local, 488 regional, or community correctional facilities, and (ii) any recommendations for changes to the standards 489 established for local, regional, or community correctional facilities or the policies and procedures for 490 conducting reviews of the death of inmates to improve the operations, safety, and security of local, 491 regional, or community correctional facilities; and

492 8. To direct the sheriffs of all local jails and the jail superintendents of all regional jails to provide 493 to any person being released from incarceration, on the date of his release, (i) an application to **494** register to vote with instructions for returning the application by mail and (ii) information regarding 495 how to register to vote by electronic means or in person, both in the form prescribed by the State Board 496 of Elections for this purpose. Any person being released from incarceration for a felony conviction shall 497 also be provided an official release document for voter registration purposes pursuant to § 24.2-418.2.

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§ 53.1-10. Powers and duties of Director.

499 The Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Department and shall have the following duties and powers: 500

501 1. To supervise and manage the Department and its system of state correctional facilities;

502 2. To implement the standards and goals of the Board as formulated for local and community 503 correctional programs and facilities and lock-ups;

504 3. To employ such personnel and develop and implement such programs as may be necessary to 505 carry out the provisions of this title, subject to Chapter 29 (§ 2.2-2900 et seq.) of Title 2.2, and within 506 the limits of appropriations made therefor by the General Assembly;

507 4. To establish and maintain a general system of schools for persons committed to the institutions 508 and community-based programs for adults as set forth in § 53.1-67.9. Such system shall include, as 509 applicable, elementary, secondary, postsecondary, career and technical education, adult, and special 510 education schools.

511 a. The Director shall employ a Superintendent who will oversee the operation of educational and 512 vocational programs in all institutions and community-based programs for adults as set forth in 513 § 53.1-67.9 operated by the Department. The Department shall be designated as a local education agency 514 (LEA) but shall not be eligible to receive state funds appropriated for direct aid to public education.

b. When the Department employs a teacher licensed by the Board of Education to provide instruction 515 516 in the schools of the correctional centers, the Department of Human Resource Management shall 517 establish salary schedules for the teachers which endeavor to be competitive with those in effect for the 518 school division in which the correctional center is located.

519 c. The Superintendent shall develop a functional literacy program for inmates testing below a 520 selected grade level, which shall be at least at the twelfth grade level. The program shall include 521 guidelines for implementation and test administration, participation requirements, criteria for satisfactory 522 completion, and a strategic plan for encouraging enrollment at an institution of higher education or an 523 accredited vocational training program or other accredited continuing education program.

524 d. For the purposes of this section, the term "functional literacy" shall mean those educational skills necessary to function independently in society, including, but not limited to, reading, writing, 525 526 comprehension, and arithmetic computation.

527 e. In evaluating a prisoner's educational needs and abilities pursuant to § 53.1-32.1, the 528 Superintendent shall create a system for identifying prisoners with learning disabilities.

529 5. a. To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance 530 of the Department's duties and the execution of its powers under this title, including, but not limited to, 531 contracts with the United States, other states, and agencies and governmental subdivisions of this 532 Commonwealth, and contracts with corporations, partnerships, or individuals which include, but are not 533 limited to, the purchase of water or wastewater treatment services or both as necessary for the expansion 534 or construction of correctional facilities;

535 b. Notwithstanding the Director's discretion to make and enter into all contracts and agreements 536 necessary or incidental to the performance of the Department's duties and the execution of its powers 537 under this title, upon determining that it shall be desirable to contract with a public or private entity for 538 the provision of community-based residential services pursuant to Chapter 5 (§ 53.1-177 et seq.), the 539 Director shall notify the local governing body of the jurisdiction in which the facility is to be located of 540 the proposal and of the facility's proposed location and provide notice, where requested, to the chief 541 law-enforcement officer for such locality when an offender is placed in the facility at issue;

542 c. Notwithstanding the Director's discretion to make and enter into all contracts and agreements 543 necessary or incidental to the performance of the Department's duties and the execution of its powers 544 under this title, upon determining that it is necessary to transport Virginia prisoners through or to 545 another state and for other states to transport their prisoners within the Commonwealth, the Director may 546 execute reciprocal agreements with other states' corrections agencies governing such transports that shall 547 include provisions allowing each state to retain authority over its prisoners while in the other state.

548 6. To accept, hold and enjoy gifts, donations and bequests on behalf of the Department from the 549 United States government and agencies and instrumentalities thereof, and any other source, subject to the approval of the Governor. To these ends, the Director shall have the power to comply with such 550

551 conditions and execute such agreements as may be necessary, convenient or desirable;

552 7. To collect data pertaining to the demographic characteristics of adults, and juveniles who are 553 adjudicated as adults, incarcerated in state correctional institutions, including, but not limited to, the race 554 or ethnicity, age, and gender of such persons, whether they are a member of a criminal gang, and the 555 types of and extent to which health-related problems are prevalent among such persons. Beginning July 556 1, 1997, such data shall be collected, tabulated quarterly, and reported by the Director to the Governor 557 and the General Assembly at each regular session of the General Assembly thereafter. The report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the 558 559 processing of legislative documents and reports;

560 8. To make application to the appropriate state and federal entities so as to provide any prisoner who
561 is committed to the custody of the state a Department of Motor Vehicles approved identification card
562 that would expire 90 days from issuance, a copy of his birth certificate if such person was born in the
563 Commonwealth, and a social security card from the Social Security Administration;

564 9. To forward to the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council, updated on a monthly basis, a list
565 of all identified criminal gang members incarcerated in state correctional institutions. The list shall
566 contain identifying information for each criminal gang member, as well as his criminal record;

567 10. To give notice, to the attorney for the Commonwealth prosecuting a defendant for an offense that
568 occurred in a state correctional facility, of that defendant's known gang membership. The notice shall
569 contain identifying information for each criminal gang member as well as his criminal record;

570 11. To designate employees of the Department with internal investigations authority to have the same 571 power as a sheriff or a law-enforcement officer in the investigation of allegations of criminal behavior 572 affecting the operations of the Department. Such employees shall be subject to any minimum training standards established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services under § 9.1-102 for 573 law-enforcement officers prior to exercising any law-enforcement power granted under this subdivision. 574 575 Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant the Department any authority over the operation and 576 security of local jails not specified in any other provision of law. The Department shall investigate 577 allegations of criminal behavior in accordance with a written agreement entered into with the 578 Department of State Police. The Department shall not investigate any action falling within the authority 579 vested in the Office of the State Inspector General pursuant to Chapter 3.2 (§ 2.2-307 et seq.) of Title 580 2.2 unless specifically authorized by the Office of the State Inspector General;

581 12. To prescribe and enforce rules prohibiting the possession of obscene materials, as defined in
582 Article 5 (§ 18.2-372 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2, by prisoners incarcerated in state correctional
583 facilities;

13. To develop and administer a survey of each correctional officer, as defined in § 53.1-1, who
resigns, is terminated, or is transitioned to a position other than correctional officer for the purpose of
evaluating employment conditions and factors that contribute to or impede the retention of correctional
officers;

14. To promulgate regulations pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) to effectuate the provisions of Chapter 5.1 (§ 32.1-162.16 et seq.) of Title 32.1 for human research, as defined in § 32.1-162.16, to be conducted or authorized by the Department. The regulations shall require the human research committee to submit to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Director or his designee at least annually a report on the human research projects reviewed and approved by the committee and shall require the committee to report any significant deviations from the proposals as approved; and

595 15. To provide, pursuant to § 24.2-314, to the Division of Legislative Services, not later than July 1 596 of any year in which the decennial census is taken and in a format specified by the Division of 597 Legislative Services, information regarding each person incarcerated in a state correctional facility on April 1 of that year. Such information shall include, for each person incarcerated, (i) a unique identifier, **598** 599 other than his name or offender identification number, assigned by the Director; (ii) his residential street 600 address at the time of incarceration, or other legal residence, if known; (iii) his race, his ethnicity as 601 identified by him, and whether he is 18 years of age or older; and (iv) the street address of the 602 correctional facility in which he was incarcerated on April 1 of that year; and

603 16. To provide to any person being released from incarceration, on the date of his release, (i) an
604 application to register to vote with instructions for returning the application by mail; (ii) information
605 regarding how to register to vote by electronic means or in person, in the form prescribed by the State
606 Board of Elections for this purpose; and (iii) an official release document for voter registration
607 purposes pursuant to § 24.2-418.2.

608 § 64.2-2000. Definitions.

- As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:
- 610 "Advance directive" shall have the same meaning as provided in § 54.1-2982.
- 611 "Annual report" means the report required to be filed by a guardian pursuant to § 64.2-2020.
- 612 "Conservator" means a person appointed by the court who is responsible for managing the estate and

613 financial affairs of an incapacitated person and, where the context plainly indicates, includes a "limited conservator" or a "temporary conservator." "Conservator" includes (i) a local or regional program 614 designated by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services as a public conservator pursuant to 615 Article 6 (§ 51.5-149 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 or (ii) any local or regional tax-exempt 616 617 charitable organization established pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to provide 618 conservatorial services to incapacitated persons. Such tax-exempt charitable organization shall not be a 619 provider of direct services to the incapacitated person. If a tax-exempt charitable organization has been 620 designated by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services as a public conservator, it may also 621 serve as a conservator for other individuals.

622 "Estate" includes both real and personal property.

623 "Facility" means a state or licensed hospital, training center, psychiatric hospital, or other type of
624 residential or outpatient mental health or mental retardation facility. When modified by the word "state,"
625 "facility" means a state hospital or training center operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and
626 Developmental Services, including the buildings and land associated with it.

"Guardian" means a person appointed by the court who has the powers and duties set out in 627 § 64.2-2019, or § 63.2-1609 if applicable, and who is responsible for the personal affairs of an 628 629 incapacitated person, including responsibility for making decisions regarding the person's support, care, 630 health, safety, habilitation, education, therapeutic treatment, and, if not inconsistent with an order of involuntary admission, residence. Where the context plainly indicates, the term includes a "limited 631 guardian" or a "temporary guardian." The term includes (i) a local or regional program designated by the 632 633 Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services as a public guardian pursuant to Article 6 (§ 51.5-149 634 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 or (ii) any local or regional tax-exempt charitable organization established pursuant to 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to provide guardian services to 635 incapacitated persons. Such tax-exempt charitable organization shall not be a provider of direct services 636 to the incapacitated person. If a tax-exempt charitable organization has been designated by the 637 638 Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services as a public guardian, it may also serve as a guardian 639 for other individuals.

640 "Guardian ad litem" means an attorney appointed by the court to represent the interests of the
641 respondent and whose duties include evaluation of the petition for guardianship or conservatorship and
642 filing a report with the court pursuant to § 64.2-2003.

"Incapacitated person" means an adult who has been found by a court to be incapable of receiving 643 644 and evaluating information effectively or responding to people, events, or environments to such an 645 extent that the individual lacks the capacity to (i) meet the essential requirements for his health, care, 646 safety, or therapeutic needs without the assistance or protection of a guardian or (ii) manage property or 647 financial affairs or provide for his support or for the support of his legal dependents without the 648 assistance or protection of a conservator. A finding that the individual displays poor judgment alone shall not be considered sufficient evidence that the individual is an incapacitated person within the 649 650 meaning of this definition. A finding that a person is incapacitated shall not be construed as a finding 651 that the person is "mentally incompetent" as that term is used in lacks the capacity to understand the act 652 of voting for purposes of Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia and Title 24.2 unless the 653 court order entered pursuant to this chapter specifically provides otherwise.

654 "Individualized education plan" or "IEP" means a plan or program developed annually to ensure that
655 a child who has a disability identified under the law and is attending an elementary or secondary
656 educational institution receives specialized instruction and related services as provided by 20 U.S.C.
657 § 1414.

658 "Individual receiving services" or "individual" means a current direct recipient of public or private
659 mental health, developmental, or substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation, or habilitation services and
660 includes the terms "consumer," "patient," "recipient," or "client."

"Limited conservator" means a person appointed by the court who has only those responsibilities for
 managing the estate and financial affairs of an incapacitated person as specified in the order of
 appointment.

664 "Limited guardian" means a person appointed by the court who has only those responsibilities for the personal affairs of an incapacitated person as specified in the order of appointment.

"Mental illness" means a disorder of thought, mood, emotion, perception, or orientation that
significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to address basic life
necessities and requires care and treatment for the health, safety, or recovery of the individual or for the
safety of others.

670 "Petition" means the document filed with a circuit court to initiate a proceeding to appoint a guardian671 or conservator.

672 "Power of attorney" has the same meaning ascribed to it in § 64.2-1600.

673 "Property" includes both real and personal property.

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674 "Respondent" means an allegedly incapacitated person for whom a petition for guardianship or 675 conservatorship has been filed.

676 "Supported decision-making agreement" has the same meaning ascribed to it in § 37.2-314.3.

677 "Temporary conservator" means a person appointed by a court for a limited duration of time as678 specified in the order of appointment.

679 "Temporary guardian" means a person appointed by a court for a limited duration of time as 680 specified in the order of appointment.

681 "Transition plan" means the plan that is required as part of the IEP used to help students and families prepare for the future after the student reaches the age of majority.

683 § 64.2-2009. Court order of appointment; limited guardianships and conservatorships.

A. The court's order appointing a guardian or conservator shall (i) state the nature and extent of the **684** person's incapacity; (ii) define the powers and duties of the guardian or conservator so as to permit the **685 686** incapacitated person to care for himself and manage property to the extent he is capable; (iii) specify whether the appointment of a guardian or conservator is limited to a specified length of time, as the 687 court in its discretion may determine; (iv) specify the legal disabilities, if any, of the person in 688 connection with the finding of incapacity, including but not limited to mental competency whether the 689 690 person lacks the capacity to understand the act of voting for purposes of Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia or Title 24.2; (v) include any limitations deemed appropriate following **691** 692 consideration of the factors specified in § 64.2-2007; (vi) set the bond of the guardian and the bond and surety, if any, of the conservator; and (vii) where a petition is brought prior to the incapacitated person's 693 694 eighteenth birthday, pursuant to subsection C of § 64.2-2001, whether the order shall take effect 695 immediately upon entry or on the incapacitated person's eighteenth birthday.

B. The court may appoint a limited guardian for an incapacitated person who is capable of addressing some of the essential requirements for his care for the limited purpose of medical decision making, decisions about place of residency, or other specific decisions regarding his personal affairs.
The court may appoint a limited conservator for an incapacitated person who is capable of managing some of his property and financial affairs for limited purposes that are specified in the order.

C. Unless the guardian has a professional relationship with the incapacitated person or is employed 701 by or affiliated with a facility where the person resides, the court's order may authorize the guardian to 702 703 consent to the admission of the person to a facility pursuant to § 37.2-805.1, upon finding by clear and 704 convincing evidence that (i) the person has severe and persistent mental illness that significantly impairs 705 the person's capacity to exercise judgment or self-control, as confirmed by the evaluation of a licensed 706 psychiatrist; (ii) such condition is unlikely to improve in the foreseeable future; and (iii) the guardian 707 has formulated a plan for providing ongoing treatment of the person's illness in the least restrictive 708 setting suitable for the person's condition.

D. A guardian need not be appointed for a person who has appointed an agent under an advance directive executed in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (§ 54.1-2981 et seq.) of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1, unless the court determines that the agent is not acting in accordance with the wishes of the principal or there is a need for decision making outside the purview of the advance directive.

A conservator need not be appointed for a person (i) who has appointed an agent under a durable
power of attorney, unless the court determines pursuant to the Uniform Power of Attorney Act
(§ 64.2-1600 et seq.) that the agent is not acting in the best interests of the principal or there is a need
for decision making outside the purview of the durable power of attorney or (ii) whose only or major
source of income is from the Social Security Administration or other government program and who has
a representative payee.

719 Ê. All orders appointing a guardian shall include the following statements in conspicuous bold print
 720 in at least 14-point type:

"1. Pursuant to § 64.2-2009 of the Code of Virginia, 721 (name of guardian), is hereby (name of respondent) with all duties and powers granted to a appointed as guardian of 722 guardian pursuant to § 64.2-2019 of the Code of Virginia, including but not limited to: (enter a 723 statement of the rights removed and retained, if any, at the time of appointment; whether the 724 appointment of a guardian is a full guardianship, public guardianship pursuant to § 64.2-2010 of the 725 726 Code of Virginia, limited guardianship pursuant to § 64.2-2009 of the Code of Virginia, or temporary 727 guardianship; and the duration of the appointment).

2. Pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of § 64.2-2019 of the Code of Virginia, a guardian, to
the extent possible, shall encourage the incapacitated person to participate in decisions, shall consider the
expressed desires and personal values of the incapacitated person to the extent known, and shall not
unreasonably restrict an incapacitated person's ability to communicate with, visit, or interact with other
persons with whom the incapacitated person has an established relationship.

733 3. Pursuant to § 64.2-2020 of the Code of Virginia, an annual report shall be filed by the guardian734 with the local department of social services for the jurisdiction where the incapacitated person resides.

4. Pursuant to § 64.2-2012 of the Code of Virginia, all guardianship orders are subject to petition for

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- restoration of the incapacitated person to capacity; modification of the type of appointment or areas of protection, management, or assistance granted; or termination of the guardianship." 2. That Chapter 12.1 (§§ 53.1-231.1 and 53.1-231.2) of Title 53.1 of the Code of Virginia is 737 738 739 repealed.