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SENATE BILL NO. 1442

Offered January 11, 2023

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-532 and 24.2-678 of the Code of Virginia, relating to conduct of election; abstract of votes; law-enforcement officer to obtain returns not forwarded; extension to 10 days.

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 24.2-532 and 24.2-678 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 24.2-532. Abstracts of votes; law-enforcement officer to obtain returns not forwarded.**

As soon as the electoral board shall determine the persons who have received the highest number of votes for nomination to any such office, the secretary of the board shall immediately make out abstracts and certificates of the votes cast as provided in § 24.2-675 and forward certified copies thereof to the State Board. The secretary in addition shall place certified copies thereof in an envelope and forward them in person or by certified mail (i) for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, to the chairman of the congressional district committee, (ii) for members of the General Assembly, to the chairman of the Senate or House of Delegates district committee, and (iii) for county and city and district officers, to the chairman of the county or city. "Chairman" means the chairman of the political party under whose auspices the primary is held.

If the abstract of votes shall not have been received by the State Board from any county or city within ~~six~~ 10 days after any state primary election, the Board shall dispatch a law-enforcement officer to obtain them as provided in § 24.2-678.

§ 24.2-678. Law-enforcement officer to be sent for abstracts not forwarded.

If the State Board has not received the abstracts of votes from any county or city within ~~seven~~ 10 days after any election, it shall dispatch a law-enforcement officer to obtain a copy of the abstract from the official having charge thereof. That official shall immediately, on demand of the officer, make out and deliver to him the copy required, and the officer shall deliver the abstract to the State Board without delay.

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