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**HOUSE BILL NO. 126**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-504 and 24.2-539 of the Code of Virginia, relating to candidates for office; persons entitled to have name printed on ballot; required campaign finance reports.*

Patron—Watts

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 24.2-504 and 24.2-539 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 24.2-504. Persons entitled to have name printed on ballot.**

A. Only a person fulfilling all the requirements of a candidate shall have his name printed on the ballot for the election. *A person who fails to file at least one campaign finance report that is required in an election year pursuant to § 24.2-947.6 by August 1 shall not have his name printed on the ballot at the general election for the office sought.*

B. No person shall have his name printed on the ballot for more than one office at any one election. However, a candidate for federal or statewide office, or a candidate for an office being filled in a special election, may have his name printed on the ballot for two offices at an election.

**§ 24.2-539. Party may nominate when nominee dies, withdraws, or nomination is set aside; duty of party chairman.**

Should the nominee of any party die, withdraw, or have his nomination set aside for any reason, the party may nominate to fill the vacancy in accordance with its own rules. A candidate who has been disqualified for failing to meet the filing requirements of Article 1 (§ 24.2-500 et seq.) of this chapter, *including the requirement that he file at least one campaign finance report required in an election year pursuant to § 24.2-947.6 by August 1*, shall not be renominated. No party shall renominate any person whose nomination has been set aside for fraud knowingly participated in by the candidate. The party chairman or chairmen shall promptly certify the name of any such nominee to the appropriate electoral boards and the nominee shall promptly comply with the filing requirements of Article 1 of this chapter.

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