

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

## CHAPTER 240

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 7 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-713, relating to emergency situations and absentee voting.*

[H 28]

Approved April 4, 1994

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 7 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-713 as follows:**

*§ 24.2-713. Emergency authority of the Secretary of the State Board of Elections.*

*The provisions of this section shall apply in the case of an emergency that will not allow sufficient time for the distribution and handling of absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots, in accordance with the procedures of this title, for qualified voters who are unable to vote in person because of the emergency. The Secretary of the State Board of Elections shall have the authority to designate alternative methods and procedures to handle such applications and ballots to ensure that qualified voters have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote in emergency situations. The provisions of this section shall be applicable only in the case of an emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to Chapter 3.2 (§ 44-146.13 et seq.) of Title 44 or declared by the President of the United States or the governor of another state pursuant to law and confirmed by the Governor by the executive order as an emergency for the purposes of this section.*