

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

CHAPTER 321

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-611 and 24.2-656 of the Code of Virginia, relating to pollbooks and use of precinct registered voter list as pollbook.

[S 489]

Approved April 5, 1994

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 24.2-611 and 24.2-656 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-611. Form and signing of pollbooks; use of precinct registered voter lists.

A. ~~The first page of each pollbook shall include the~~ following oath ~~to be~~ *shall be on a form prescribed by the State Board, administered to all officers of election, and kept by the officers of election with the pollbook:*

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will perform the duties for this election according to law and the best of my ability, and that I will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, and abuse in conducting this election."

The oath shall be administered to each officer of election by the general registrar, the secretary of the electoral board, or an officer of election designated by them, who shall be so identified on the ~~first page~~ *form*. The oath shall be signed by each officer of election and the person administering the oath. The pollbook shall be marked to identify the election for which it is used.

B. *The State Board shall provide a second or a divisible precinct registered voter list to serve as the pollbook for elections conducted on and after July 1, 1995. The second or divisible list shall (i) provide a space for the officer of election to record the name and consecutive number of the voter at the time he offers to vote and (ii) be retained in accordance with the provisions governing pollbooks in this title. The State Board shall provide a numerical check sheet to be used to determine the consecutive number to be recorded with the name of the voter by the officer of election. When the name and number of the last qualified voter have been entered on the registered voter list, the officer of election responsible for that list shall sign a statement on the check sheet certifying the number of qualified registrants who have voted. The State Board shall provide instructions to the local electoral boards, general registrars, and officers of election for the conduct of the election and for procedures for entering a voting record for each voter and recording each voter's name, including voters unable to enter the polling place, and for verifying the accurate entry of the voting record for each registrant on the Virginia Voter Registration System.*

§ 24.2-656. Officers to sign pollbooks.

As soon as the last absentee ballot, if any, is cast, the officers of election shall write on the pollbook ~~immediately following the name of the last voter,~~ *in accordance with their instructions,* the words "Polls Closed," the date of the election, and the time of their endorsement. They shall sign the pollbook immediately following their endorsement and proceed to ascertain the vote.