

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 601

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-908.1, relating to use of candidate's name in name of political committee; penalty.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-908.1 as follows:

§ 24.2-908.1. Use of candidate's name in name of political committee.

A. No political committee required to file a statement of organization pursuant to § 24.2-908 shall include in any part of its name the name of a candidate unless the political committee either (i) has obtained, prior to filing, the written authorization of the candidate to use the candidate's name as part of the name of the political committee or (ii) has mailed by certified mail, twenty-one or more days prior to filing, written notice to the candidate of its intent to use his name as part of the name of the political committee.

B. Any political committee which intends to use the name of a candidate as part of the name of the political committee shall file with the statement of organization required by § 24.2-908 either (i) a copy of the written authorization of the candidate consenting to the use of his name or (ii) a copy of its notice to the candidate and evidence of its timely mailing. If two candidates seeking the same office have the same surname, the political committee shall include the first name, or other initial or nickname, and the last name of the candidate, in the name of the political committee so as to identify which candidate is associated with the political committee; and either the written authorization of the identified candidate or written notice to the identified candidate shall be required by this section.

C. Any violation of this section shall be subject to the civil penalty stated in subsection A of § 24.2-929.