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HOUSE BILL NO. 314

House Amendments in [] — January 29, 1996

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 24.2 a chapter numbered 9.1, consisting of a section numbered 24.2-951, relating to local fair campaign practices commissions.

Patrons—Scott, Almand, Barlow, Cooper, Darner, Davies, Dillard, Grayson, Hull, Keating, Plum, Puller and Watts; Senators: Gartlan, Howell, Ticer and Waddell

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 24.2 a chapter numbered 9.1, consisting of a section numbered 24.2-951, as follows:

CHAPTER 9.1.

LOCAL FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES COMMISSIONS.

§ 24.2-951. Local fair campaign practices commissions.

The governing body of any county [~~or city~~ having the urban county executive form of government] may establish, by resolution, a fair campaign practices commission for its jurisdiction.

The commission shall be composed of two members selected by the county [~~or city~~] committee of each political party and one additional member selected by the members selected by the county [~~or city~~] committees. The chief judge of the circuit court for the county [~~or city~~] shall select the additional commission member if the members selected by the county [~~or city~~] committees fail to select the additional member within thirty days of the date of selection of the last member selected by the committees. Persons holding elective office shall not serve on the commission. [In the event either party does not select two members, the commission shall not be established.]

The fair campaign practices commission shall promote fairly conducted campaigns for public office. The commission shall prepare and publish a code of fair campaign conduct and hear and issue findings of fact on charges of unfair campaign practices in accordance with procedures adopted by the commission [; provided that the commission may not issue any decisions if a political party eligible to appoint members does not appoint members] .

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