

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-505 of the Code of Virginia, relating to declarations and filings by*  
 3 *independent candidates.*

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 5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 24.2-505 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 24.2-505. Declaration of candidacy required of independent candidates.

9 A. Any person, other than a candidate for a party nomination or a party nominee, who intends to be  
 10 a candidate for any office to be elected by the qualified voters of the Commonwealth at large or of a  
 11 congressional district shall file a declaration of candidacy with the State Board, on a form prescribed by  
 12 the Board, designating the office for which he is a candidate. The written declaration shall be attested by  
 13 two witnesses who are qualified voters of the Commonwealth or of the congressional district, or  
 14 acknowledged before some officer authorized to take acknowledgements to deeds. The declaration shall  
 15 be signed by the candidate, but if he is incapable of writing his proper signature then some mark  
 16 adopted by him as his signature shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized to take  
 17 acknowledgements to deeds.

18 The State Board shall notify the respective secretaries of the appropriate electoral boards of the  
 19 qualified candidates who have so filed.

20 B. Any person, other than a candidate for a party nomination or party nominee, who intends to be a  
 21 candidate for election to the General Assembly shall file a declaration of candidacy with the ~~clerk of the~~  
 22 ~~circuit court~~ *general registrar* of the county or city where he resides. The declaration shall be in all  
 23 respects the same as that required to be given to the State Board by statewide and congressional district  
 24 candidates. The ~~clerk~~ *general registrar* shall, within three days after receiving the declaration, (i)  
 25 deliver it in person or transmit it by certified mail, along with the petitions required by § 24.2-506 or  
 26 copies thereof, to the general registrars of the *other* counties or cities, *if any*, in the legislative district  
 27 for delivery to the secretaries of the electoral boards *and (ii) deliver the declaration and such petitions*  
 28 *to the secretary of his electoral board.* He shall transmit the names of the candidates who have filed  
 29 with him to the State Board immediately after the filing deadline.

30 C. Any person, other than a candidate for a party nomination or party nominee, who intends to be a  
 31 candidate at any election for any other office shall file a declaration of candidacy with the general  
 32 registrar of the county or city where he resides. The declaration shall be in all respects the same as that  
 33 required to be given to the State Board by statewide and congressional district candidates. The general  
 34 registrar shall, within three days after receiving the declaration, deliver it in person or transmit it by  
 35 certified mail, along with the petitions required by § 24.2-506 or copies thereof, to the secretaries of the  
 36 electoral boards of the counties or cities whose electors vote for the office. He shall transmit the names  
 37 of the candidates who have filed with him to the State Board immediately after the filing deadline.

38 D. If requested in writing by a candidate filing pursuant to ~~subsections~~ *subsection* B or C, the  
 39 secretary of the electoral board shall notify him of any irregularity in the declaration or petitions which  
 40 can be corrected prior to the filing deadline.

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