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HOUSE BILL NO. 861

Offered January 22, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-627 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the number of mechanical or electronic voting or counting systems to be used in conducting elections.

Patron—Putney

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 24.2-627 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 24.2-627. Mechanical and electronic voting or counting devices; number required.

A. The governing body of any county or city which adopts for use at elections mechanical or direct electronic voting systems shall provide for each precinct at least the following number of voting devices:

In each precinct having not more than 750 registered voters, 1;

In each precinct having more than 750 but not more than 1,500 registered voters, 2;

In each precinct having more than 1,500 but not more than 2,250 registered voters, 3;

In each precinct having more than 2,250 but not more than 3,000 registered voters, 4;

In each precinct having more than 3,000 but not more than 3,750 registered voters, 5;

In each precinct having more than 3,750 but not more than 4,500 registered voters, 6;

In each precinct having more than 4,500 but not more than 5,000 registered voters, 7.

B. The governing body of any county or city, which adopts for use at elections any electronic system which requires the voter to vote a ballot which is inserted in an electronic counter, shall provide for each precinct at least one voting booth with a marking device for each 425 registered voters or portion thereof and shall provide for each precinct at least one counting device.

C. *The local electoral board of any county or city shall be authorized to conduct any primary election or special election held on a date other than a general election with the number of voting or marking devices it determines is appropriate for each precinct, notwithstanding the provisions of subsections A and B of this section.*

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