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SENATE BILL NO. 172

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections
on January 30, 1996

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Miller, K. G.)

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-926 of the Code of Virginia, relating to campaign finance disclosure and reports; preservation, inspection and copying of reports.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-926 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-926. Custody of reports; inspection and copying.

Every officer, *or* electoral board, ~~or~~ *other than* the State Board, with whom reports are required by this chapter to be filed, shall file and preserve such reports and keep them as part of the office's records for at least one year after the final report is filed, or through the next general election for the office to which they pertain, whichever is later. The State Board shall *file and preserve as part of its records the reports required by this chapter to be filed with it for at least one year after the final report is filed.* Thereafter, the State Board shall forward the reports it preserves to The Library of Virginia for preservation under the Virginia Public Records Act (§ 42.1-76 et seq.).

All reports shall be open to inspection by any person during the business hours of the office in which they are filed. Copies shall be produced for any person requesting them who shall pay the reasonable cost of the copies.

Copies of such reports certified by the principal administrative officer in whose office they are kept shall be evidence in all courts to the same extent as the original report would be if produced and proved.

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