

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

## CHAPTER 337

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-1002.01, relating to interference with voter registration; destruction of, or failure to mail or deliver, voter registration application; penalty.*

[H 2037]

Approved March 13, 1997

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-1002.01 as follows:**

*§ 24.2-1002.01. Destruction of, or failure to mail or deliver, voter registration application; penalty.*

*If any person (i) agrees to mail or deliver a signed voter registration application to the voter registrar or other appropriate person authorized to receive the application and (ii) intentionally interferes with the applicant's effort to register either by destroying the application or by failing to mail or deliver the application in a timely manner, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The mailing or delivery of an application shall be deemed timely for the purposes of this section if it is mailed or delivered within 15 days of the applicant's signature or in accordance with the provisions of § 24.2-416.4 for processing before the closing of the registration records for the pending election whichever comes first. This section shall not apply to any state or local government employee acting in his official capacity.*