

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-914.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to campaign finance*
3 *disclosure reports; electronic filings; Internet access to reports.*

4 [H 588]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 24.2-914.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 24.2-914.1. Standards and requirements for electronic preparation and transmittal of campaign
9 finance disclosure reports; database.10 A. By January 1, 1998, the State Board of Elections shall review or cause to be developed and shall
11 approve standards for the preparation, production, and transmittal by computer or electronic means of
12 the reports of contributions and expenditures required by this article (§ 24.2-914 *et seq.*). The State
13 Board may prescribe the method of execution and certification of electronically filed statements and the
14 procedures for receiving statements in the office of the State Board.15 B. Prior to January 1, 1999, the State Board may accept, and *on and* after January 1, 1999, the State
16 Board shall accept, any report of contributions and expenditures filed by candidates for the General
17 Assembly, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General by computer or electronic means in
18 accordance with the standards approved by the State Board and using software meeting standards
19 approved by it. The State Board may provide software to filers without charge or at a reasonable cost.20 C. *On and* after January 1, 1999, the State Board shall enter or cause to be entered into a campaign
21 finance database, available to the public *through the global information system known as the Internet*,
22 the information from required reports of contributions and expenditures filed ~~electronically~~ *by computer*
23 *or electronic means* by candidates for the General Assembly, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and
24 Attorney General and may enter or cause to be entered into that database information from required
25 disclosure statements filed by those candidates by other methods. *On and after January 1, 2001, the*
26 *State Board shall enter or cause to be entered into a campaign finance database, available to the public*
27 *through the global information system known as the Internet, the information from required reports of*
28 *contributions and expenditures filed by computer, electronic, or other means by candidates for the*
29 *General Assembly, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General.*30 D. *On and after January 1, 1999, candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney*
31 *General shall file by computer or electronic means in accordance with the standards approved by the*
32 *State Board the reports required by this article. On and after January 1, 1999, candidates for the*
33 *General Assembly may file by computer or electronic means in accordance with the standards approved*
34 *by the State Board the reports required by this article. This information shall be made available to the*
35 *public promptly through the global information system known as the Internet.*36 E. Other committee reports required by this chapter to be filed with the Board may be filed
37 electronically on terms agreed to by the committee and Board.

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