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SENATE BILL NO. 538

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-405 of the Code of Virginia, relating to persons who may obtain lists of registered voters.

Patrons—Lucas; Delegate: Joannou

Referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-405 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-405. Persons who may obtain lists of registered voters.

The State Board shall furnish, at a reasonable price, lists of registered voters for their districts to (i) courts of the Commonwealth and the United States for jury selection purposes, (ii) candidates for election or political party nomination to further their candidacy, (iii) political party committees or officials thereof for political purposes only, (iv) incumbent officeholders to report to their constituents, and (v) nonprofit organizations which promote voter participation and registration for that purpose only, and (vi) county and city treasurers and directors of finance for the sole purpose of ascertaining the actual domicile of motor vehicle owners to administer the county or city motor vehicle license and tax laws. The lists shall be furnished to no one else and used for no other purpose, except that the State Board is authorized to furnish information from the voter registration system to general registrars for their official use.

In no event shall any list furnished under this section contain the social security number of any registered voter except a list furnished to a court of the Commonwealth or of the United States for jury selection purposes.

Any list furnished under this section shall contain the post office box address in lieu of the residence street address for any active or retired law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9-169 and in 5 U.S.C.A. § 8331 (20) but excluding officers whose duties relate to detention as defined in paragraphs (A) through (D) of § 8331 (20), who has furnished at the time of registration or subsequently, in addition to his street address, a post office box address for his residence for use on such lists.

Any printed precinct list furnished under this section shall contain the post office box address in lieu of the residence street address for any party granted a protective order as described in §§ 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, 16.1-279.1, and 18.2-60.3, who has furnished at the time of registration or subsequently, in addition to his street address, a post office box address for his residence for use on such lists.