

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-703.1, relating to special*  
3 *annual absentee ballot applications for permanently ill or disabled voters.*

4 [H 1579]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-703.1 as follows:**8 *§ 24.2-703.1. Special annual applications for absentee ballots for certain ill or disabled voters.*

9 *Any person who is eligible for an absentee ballot under subdivision 4 of § 24.2-700 because of a*  
10 *physical disability or physical illness and who is likely to remain so disabled or ill for the remainder of*  
11 *the calendar year shall be eligible to file a special annual application to receive ballots for all elections*  
12 *in which he is eligible to vote in a calendar year. His first such application shall be accompanied by a*  
13 *statement, on a form prescribed by the State Board and signed by the voter and his physician or*  
14 *accredited religious practitioner, that the voter is eligible for an absentee ballot under subdivision 4 of*  
15 *§ 24.2-700 because of a physical disability or physical illness and likely to remain so disabled or ill for*  
16 *the remainder of the calendar year.*

17 *In accordance with procedures established by the State Board, the general registrar shall retain the*  
18 *application and form, enroll the applicant on a special absentee voter applicant list, and process the*  
19 *applicant's request for an absentee ballot for each succeeding election in the calendar year. The*  
20 *applicant shall specify by party designation the primary ballots he is requesting.*

21 *The general registrar shall send each such enrolled applicant a blank application by December 15*  
22 *for each ensuing calendar year, and upon completion thereof, the applicant shall be eligible to receive*  
23 *ballots for all elections in which he is eligible to vote in that calendar year.*

24 *If an official reply to the application or an absentee ballot sent to the applicant is returned as*  
25 *undeliverable, or the general registrar knows that the applicant is no longer a qualified voter, no ballot*  
26 *for any subsequent election shall be sent to the voter until a new application is filed and accepted.*

27 **2. That the State Board of Elections shall monitor implementation of the provisions of this act**  
28 **and, annually beginning July 1, 2002, shall report to the General Assembly and the Governor the**  
29 **number of individuals benefiting from this absentee ballot procedure in each locality as well as**  
30 **any abuses of the procedure.**

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