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SENATE BILL NO. 337

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A *BILL to provide for a referendum in Page County on the election at large of the chairman of the school board.*

Patrons—Obenshain; Delegate: Gilbert

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Whereas, the voters of Page County in a November 2004 election approved the at-large election of the chairman of the board of supervisors; and

Whereas, there has been confusion whether that election also reflected approval of the at-large election of the chairman of the school board, and an election on that issue is required to resolve this issue; now, therefore

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The officials conducting the November 7, 2006, election in Page County shall conduct a referendum on that date in the County to poll the voters on the question of whether they favor the election of the chairman of the school board by the County at large.*

The question on the ballot shall be:

"Shall the chairman of the County School Board, to be known as the County School Board Chairman, be elected by the voters of the County at large?"

The ballots shall be prepared and voted, the referendum shall be conducted, and the results shall be ascertained and certified as provided in Article 5 (§ 24.2-681 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 24.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The electoral board shall cause notice of the election to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least once in the period 45 to 60 days before the election.

If the voters approve the election of the chairman of the school board by the County at large at the November 2006 election, the chairman shall be elected at the November 2007 election for a two-year term and shall be elected thereafter for a four-year term. The chairman shall be the sixth member of the board.

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