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SENATE BILL NO. 60

Offered January 13, 2010 Prefiled January 4, 2010

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-1002.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to retaining copy of voter registration application; penalty.

Patron—Martin

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-1002.01 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-1002.01. Destruction of, failure to mail or deliver, or retaining copy of 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) (i) 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, or (ii) creates or retains a copy of a signed voter registration application, he shall be is 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. If any person intentionally solicits multiple registrations from any one person or intentionally falsifies a registration application, he shall be is guilty of a Class 5 felony.