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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1055**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-416.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voter registration; return of voter registration applications.*

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 24.2-416.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 24.2-416.4. Return of mail voter registration applications.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-416, a mail voter registration application returned through the United States Postal Service shall be deemed to have been made as of the date of the postmark affixed to such application by the United States Postal Service. If no such postmark is affixed or if the postmark affixed by the United States Postal Service is illegible or bears no date, such application shall be deemed to have been timely if received through the United States mail no later than five days following the time for the closing of the registration books pursuant to § 24.2-416.

B. In any other case, a completed mail voter registration application shall be deemed timely if received by any general registrar or any person authorized to receive voter registration applications pursuant to § 24.2-415.1, by the deadline provided for in § 24.2-416 for closing the registration books.

C. *A completed mail voter registration application for a voter who is entitled to vote absentee pursuant to subdivision 2 of § 24.2-700 may be returned via facsimile device to the office of the appropriate general registrar or to the office of the State Board if a device is not available locally. The State Board shall provide information and instructions for the implementation of this subsection.*

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