

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-953 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Campaign Finance*
3 *Disclosure Act; general provisions applicable to penalties.*

4 [H 332]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 24.2-953 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 24.2-953. General provisions.

9 A. The procedures to enforce the provisions of this article are found in § 24.2-946.3.

10 B. Either the failure to file any statement or report or the late filing of any statement or report
11 required by this chapter shall constitute a violation of this chapter subject to the penalties provided in
12 this article.13 C. Any person who violates, or aids, abets, or participates in the violation of, this chapter shall be
14 subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100, unless a greater penalty is imposed by this article.15 D. In the case of a willful violation, the violator shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. There
16 shall be a rebuttable presumption that the violation of this chapter was willful if the violation is based
17 on a person's failure to file a report required by this chapter and his failure to file continues for more
18 than 60 days following his actual receipt of written notice of his failure to file sent to him by certified
19 mail, return receipt requested, by the State Board or an electoral board. Such notice shall be sent to the
20 most recent mailing address provided by the candidate or committee.21 E. In the case of a failure to file a required statement or report by the specified deadline, the length
22 of the delinquency shall be a factor in determining the amount of the civil penalty assessed.

23 F. The statute of limitations applicable to a violation of this chapter is stated in § 19.2-8.

24 *G. The requirements of this chapter for the filing of timely and complete statements and reports by*
25 *any candidate campaign committee or political committee shall at all times remain in full force and*
26 *effect and shall not be vacated, suspended, or modified as the result of any pending or completed*
27 *criminal or civil investigation of the candidate campaign committee, the political committee, or any*
28 *individual participant in the committee.*

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