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HOUSE BILL NO. 2379

Offered January 23, 2015

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-404.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voter list maintenance; use of interstate cross-check data.

Patrons—Bell, Robert B. and Yancey

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-404.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 24.2-404.4. Exchange of registered voter lists with other states.

A. Pursuant to its authority under subsection A of § 24.2-405 and subsections B and C of § 24.2-406, the State Board shall request voter registration information and lists of persons voting at primaries and elections, if available, from the states bordering the Commonwealth to identify duplicate registrations, voters who no longer reside in the Commonwealth, and other persons who are no longer entitled to be registered in order to maintain the overall accuracy of the voter registration system. Upon receipt of this data, the State Board shall compare it with the state voter registration list and initiate list maintenance procedures under applicable state and federal law. The State Board shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Privileges and Elections annually on the progress of activities conducted under this section, including the number of duplicate registrations found to exist and the procedures that the State Board and general registrars are following to eliminate duplicate registrations from the Virginia registered voter lists.

B. Pursuant to its authority under subdivision 10 of § 24.2-404, the State Board shall utilize data regarding voter registration and lists of persons voting at primaries and elections from the member states in the interstate cross-check system to identify duplicate registrations, voters who no longer reside in the Commonwealth, and other persons who are no longer entitled to be registered in order to maintain the overall accuracy of the voter registration system.

C. The State Board shall compare the data received pursuant to subsections A and B with the state voter registration list and initiate list maintenance procedures under applicable state and federal law. The State Board shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Privileges and Elections annually on the progress of activities conducted under this section, including the number of duplicate registrations found to exist and the procedures that the State Board and general registrars are following to eliminate duplicate registrations from the Virginia registered voter lists.