

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-612.1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia*
3 *by adding a section numbered 24.2-612.2, relating to candidate withdrawal; notice of withdrawal;*
4 *information to voters.*

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6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That § 24.2-612.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of**
9 **Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-612.2 as follows:**

10 **§ 24.2-612.1. Ballots; death, withdrawal, or disqualification of candidates.**

11 *In the case of the death, withdrawal, or disqualification of any candidate, other than a party nominee,*
12 *who has qualified to have his name printed on the ballot for any election other than a presidential or*
13 *primary election, the State Board Department of Elections shall take into account the time available*
14 *before the election and the status of the ballots for the election and shall have authority to direct the*
15 *electoral boards on how to proceed to print the ballot without the candidate's name, correct the ballot to*
16 *delete the candidate's name, or provide notice to voters of the death, withdrawal, or disqualification of*
17 *the candidate. If ballots are not corrected to delete the candidate's name, the general registrar shall*
18 *provide a list of candidates who have withdrawn to be posted in each polling place and to be available*
19 *to the public. If election information is posted on the official website for the county or city, notice of the*
20 *candidate's withdrawal shall also be posted on that website.*

21 *The State Board Department shall have like authority in the case of the death, withdrawal, or*
22 *disqualification of a party nominee subject to the provisions of Article 5 (§ 24.2-539 et seq.) of Chapter*
23 *5 of this title.*

24 **§ 24.2-612.2. Notice of withdrawal of candidates.**

25 *A candidate who has qualified to have his name printed on the ballot for an election shall not be*
26 *deemed to have withdrawn from such election until he has submitted a signed written notice declaring*
27 *his intent to withdraw from such election and that notice has been received by the general registrar.*
28 *Such notice shall be provided to the general registrar of the county or city in which he resides. In the*
29 *case of an election held in more than one county or city, the recipient general registrar shall notify the*
30 *appropriate general registrars of the candidate's withdrawal.*

31 *The Department shall include in its candidate guidance documents the requirements and process for*
32 *candidate withdrawal.*

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