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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-806 of the Code of Virginia, relating to contests of certain 3 elections; location of proceeding to contest.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

7 1. That § 24.2-806 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 8

§ 24.2-806. Contest of other primaries and elections.

9 In a primary for the United States House of Representatives, the Virginia Senate, the House of 10 Delegates, or any county, city, town, or district office, or an election to any county, city, town, or district office, the proceeding to contest shall be in the circuit court of the county or city in which that 11 12 the challenged candidate resides listed as his residency on his certificate of candidate qualification. The proceeding shall be before a special court composed of the chief judge of such circuit court and two 13 14 circuit court judges of circuits remote from the county or city in which that such candidate resides listed 15 as his residency on his certificate of candidate qualification, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, or, in the event of his inability to act, then by the next senior justice, who 16 17 shall at the time of appointment set the date for trial.

18 If the chief judge of the circuit court of the city or county in which that the candidate resides listed 19 as his residency on his certificate of candidate qualification is absent, unable to sit in the proceeding, or recuses himself, the clerk of the court shall at once certify that fact to the Chief Justice. Then the Chief 20 Justice or the associate justice acting in his stead shall appoint a third judge, who shall be, if possible, a 21

22 judge of the same or an adjoining circuit.