

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 1153

An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-420.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to election day voter registration.

[H 201]

Approved April 11, 2020

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-420.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-420.1. Extended time for persons to register in person.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-416, ~~the following persons~~ *any person who is qualified to register to vote* shall be entitled to register in person up to and including the day of the election: *at the office of the general registrar in the locality in which such person resides or at the polling place for the precinct in which such person resides*

1. Any member of a uniformed service of the United States, as defined in § 24.2-452, who is on active duty;

2. Any person who resides temporarily outside of the United States; and

3. Any spouse or dependent residing with a person listed in subdivision 1 or 2 of this subsection.

The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to those persons who are otherwise qualified to register and who, by reason of such active duty or temporary overseas residency, either (i) are normally absent from the city or county in which they reside or (ii) have been absent from such city or county and returned to reside there during the twenty-eight days immediately preceding the election.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-416, any person who was on active duty as a member of a uniformed service as defined in § 24.2-452 and discharged from the uniformed service during the sixty days immediately preceding the election, and his spouse or dependent, shall be entitled to register, if otherwise qualified, in person up to and including the day of the election.

C. The Department shall prescribe procedures for the addition of persons registered under this section to the lists of registered voters.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on October 1, 2022.