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SENATE BILL NO. 967

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-420.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voter registration; registering in person up to and including the day of the election; limited to certain persons.*

Patrons—Peake, Reeves and Ruff

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections**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 certain persons to register in person.**

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-416, ~~any person who is qualified to register to vote the following persons~~ 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, 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.

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 28 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 60 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.

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