

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 716

An Act to amend and reenact § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voting procedures at the polling place.

[H 1426]

Approved April 6, 1995

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-643. Qualified voter permitted to vote; entry of voter's name on pollbook; other information.

A. After the polls are open, each qualified voter at a precinct shall be permitted to vote. The officers of election shall ascertain that a person offering to vote is a qualified voter before admitting him to the voting booth and furnishing an official ballot to him.

B. An officer of election shall ask the voter for his full name and current residence address and repeat, in a voice audible to party and candidate representatives present, the full name and address stated by the voter. If the voter's name is found on the registered voter list, if he is qualified to vote in the election, and if no objection is made, an officer shall mark the voter's name on the registered voter list, an officer shall enter the voter's full name on the pollbook opposite the correct number, an officer shall provide the voter with the official ballot, and another officer shall admit him to the voting booth. A voter may be accompanied into the voting booth by his child age ~~twelve~~ *fifteen* or younger.

C. If the current residence address stated by the voter is different from the address shown on the registered voter list, the officer of election shall furnish the voter with a change of address form prescribed by the State Board. Upon its completion, the voter shall sign the prescribed form, subject to felony penalties for making false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, which the officer of election shall then place in an envelope provided for such forms for transmission to the general registrar who shall then transfer or cancel the registration of such voter pursuant to Chapter 4 of this title.

D. At the time the voter is asked his full name and current residence address, the officer of election shall ask any voter for whom an identification number other than a social security number is recorded on the registered voter list if he presently has a social security number and note that number on the list if the voter is able to provide it. Any social security numbers so provided shall be entered by the general registrar in the voter's record on the voter registration system.