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HOUSE BILL NO. 1635

Offered January 13, 1995

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-420.1 and to repeal § 24.2-420 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voter registration procedures; extended time for certain persons to register.

Patron—Hull

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-420.1, as follows:
§ 24.2-420.1. *Extended time for certain persons to register.*

A. *Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-416, the following persons shall be entitled to register in person up to and including the day of the election:*

1. *Any member of the uniformed services of the United States, as defined in 10 U.S.C.S. § 101 (a) (5), who is on active service;*

2. *Any member of the merchant marine of the United States;*

3. *Any person who resides temporarily outside of the United States by virtue of his employment; and*

4. *Any spouse or dependent residing with a person listed in subdivision 1, 2, or 3 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 service or employment, 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 service as a member of the uniformed services of the United States and discharged from the uniformed services 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 State Board shall prescribe procedures for the addition of persons registered under this section to the lists of registered voters.*

2. That § 24.2-420 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

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