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HOUSE BILL NO. 2059

Offered January 23, 1995

A *BILL to provide for an advisory referendum in Wythe County concerning the establishment of a privately owned and operated prison.*

Patron—Jackson

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Board of Supervisors of Wythe County may, by resolution, petition the circuit court of the County to order a referendum to be held in the County to poll the voters on the question of whether they favor the establishment of a privately owned and operated prison in the County.*

Upon receipt of the resolution of the Board, the court shall, by order entered of record, require the regular election officials of the County, on the day fixed in such order, to open the polls and take the sense of the qualified voter of the County on essentially the following question:

"Do you want a privately owned and operated prison to be built in Wythe County?"

The court shall order the election to be held on the earliest date permissible subject to the requirements of § 24.2-682 of the Code of Virginia.

The ballots shall be prepared and voted, the referendum shall be conducted, and the results shall be ascertained and certified as provided in Article 5 (§ 24.2-681 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 24.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The electoral board shall cause notice of the election to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least once in the period forty-five to sixty days before the election.

The results of the referendum shall be advisory only.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

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