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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-404, 24.2-411.3, 24.2-420.1, 24.2-643, 24.2-653, 24.2-653.01, 24.2-701, 24.2-701.1, 24.2-706, 24.2-707, 24.2-709, and 24.2-709.1 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 24.2-707.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elections; voter identification containing photograph required; who may register up to and including the day of the election; absentee ballot application requirements; absentee voting in person availability; return of absentee ballots.*

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Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 24.2-404, 24.2-411.3, 24.2-420.1, 24.2-643, 24.2-653, 24.2-653.01, 24.2-701, 24.2-701.1, 24.2-706, 24.2-707, 24.2-709, and 24.2-709.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-404. Duties of Department of Elections.

A. The Department of Elections shall provide for the continuing operation and maintenance of a central recordkeeping system, the Virginia voter registration system, for all voters registered in the Commonwealth.

In order to operate and maintain the system, the Department shall:

1. Maintain a complete, separate, and accurate record of all registered voters in the Commonwealth. Such system shall automatically register a person who has preregistered pursuant to § 24.2-403.1 upon that person becoming eligible for registration under § 24.2-403 or reaching 18 years of age, whichever comes first. Such system shall also assign a unique identifier to each voter registered in the system.

2. Require the general registrars to enter the names of all registered voters into the system and to change or correct registration records as necessary.

3. Provide to each general registrar (i) voter confirmation documents for newly registered voters, including voters who were automatically registered pursuant to subdivision 1, and for notice to registered voters on the system of changes and corrections in their registration records and polling places and (ii) voter photo identification cards containing the voter's photograph and signature for free for those voters who do not have one of the forms of identification specified in subsection B of § 24.2-643. The Department shall promulgate rules and regulations authorizing each general registrar to obtain a photograph and signature of a voter who does not have one of the forms of identification specified in subsection B of § 24.2-643 for the purpose of providing such voter a voter photo identification card containing the voter's photograph and signature. The Department shall provide each general registrar with the equipment necessary to obtain a voter's signature and photograph, and no general registrar shall be required to purchase such equipment at his own expense. Photographs and signatures obtained by a general registrar shall be submitted to the Department. The Department may contract with an outside vendor for the production and distribution of voter photo identification cards.

4. Require the general registrars to delete from the record of registered voters the name of any voter who (i) is deceased, (ii) is no longer qualified to vote in the county or city where he is registered due to removal of his residence, (iii) has been convicted of a felony, (iv) has been adjudicated incapacitated, (v) is known not to be a United States citizen by reason of reports from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 24.2-410.1 or from the Department of Elections based on information received from the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program (SAVE Program) pursuant to subsection E, or (vi) is otherwise no longer qualified to vote as may be provided by law. Such action shall be taken no later than 30 days after notification from the Department. The Department shall promptly provide the information referred to in this subdivision, upon receiving it, to general registrars.

5. Retain on the system for four years a separate record for registered voters whose names have been deleted, with the reason for deletion.

6. Retain on the system permanently a separate record for information received regarding deaths, felony convictions, and adjudications of incapacity pursuant to §§ 24.2-408 through 24.2-410.

7. Provide to each general registrar, at least 16 days prior to a general or primary election and three days prior to a special election, an alphabetical list of all registered voters in each precinct or portion of a precinct in which the election is being held in the county, city, or town. These precinct lists shall be used as the official lists of qualified voters and shall constitute the pollbooks. The Department shall provide instructions for the division of the pollbooks and precinct lists into sections to accommodate the efficient processing of voter lines at the polls. Prior to any general, primary, or special election, the Department shall provide any

59 general registrar, upon his request, with a separate electronic list of all registered voters in the registrar's
 60 county or city. If electronic pollbooks are used in the locality or electronic voter registration inquiry devices
 61 are used in precincts in the locality, the Department shall provide a regional or statewide list of registered
 62 voters to the general registrar of the locality. The Department shall determine whether regional or statewide
 63 data is provided. Neither the pollbook nor the regional or statewide list of registered voters shall include the
 64 day and month of birth of the voter, but shall include the voter's year of birth.

65 8. Acquire by purchase, lease, or contract equipment necessary to execute the duties of the Department.

66 9. Use any source of information that may assist in carrying out the purposes of this section. All agencies
 67 of the Commonwealth shall cooperate with the Department in procuring and exchanging identification
 68 information for the purpose of maintaining the voter registration system. The Department may share any
 69 information that it receives from another agency of the Commonwealth with any Chief Election Officer of
 70 another state for the maintenance of the voter registration system.

71 10. Cooperate with other states and jurisdictions to develop systems to compare voters, voter history, and
 72 voter registration lists to ensure the accuracy of the voter registration rolls, to identify voters whose addresses
 73 have changed, to prevent duplication of registration in more than one state or jurisdiction, and to determine
 74 eligibility of individuals to vote in Virginia.

75 11. Reprint and impose a reasonable charge for the sale of any part of Title 24.2, lists of precincts and
 76 polling places, statements of election results by precinct, and any other items required of the Department by
 77 law. Receipts from such sales shall be credited to the Board for reimbursement of printing expenses.

78 B. The Department shall be authorized to provide for the production, distribution, and receipt of
 79 information and lists through the Virginia voter registration system by any appropriate means including, but
 80 not limited to, paper and electronic means. The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.)
 81 shall not apply to records about individuals maintained in this system.

82 C. The State Board shall institute procedures to ensure that each requirement of this section is fulfilled. As
 83 part of its procedures, the State Board shall provide that the general registrar shall mail notice of any
 84 cancellation pursuant to clause (v) of subdivision A 4 to the person whose registration is cancelled.

85 D. The State Board shall promulgate rules and regulations to ensure the uniform application of the law for
 86 determining a person's residence.

87 E. The Department shall apply to participate in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements
 88 Program (SAVE Program) operated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the U.S. Department of
 89 Homeland Security for the purposes of verifying that voters listed in the Virginia voter registration system are
 90 United States citizens. Upon approval of the application, the Department shall enter into any required
 91 memorandum of agreement with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The State Board shall
 92 promulgate rules and regulations governing the use of the immigration status and citizenship status
 93 information received from the SAVE Program.

94 F. The Department shall report annually by October 1 for the preceding 12 months ending August 31 to
 95 the Committees on Privileges and Elections on each of its activities undertaken to maintain the Virginia voter
 96 registration system and the results of those activities. The Department's report shall be governed by the
 97 provisions of § 2.2-608 and shall encompass activities undertaken pursuant to subdivisions A 9 and 10 and
 98 subsection E and pursuant to §§ 24.2-404.3, 24.2-404.4, 24.2-408, 24.2-409, 24.2-409.1, 24.2-410,
 99 24.2-410.1, 24.2-427, and 24.2-428. This report shall contain the methodology used in gathering and
 100 analyzing the data. The Commissioner of Elections shall certify that the data included in the report is accurate
 101 and reliable.

102 **§ 24.2-411.3. Registration of Department of Motor Vehicles customers.**

103 A. Each person coming into an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles or accessing its website in
 104 order to (i) apply for, replace, or renew a driver's license or other document issued under Chapter 3 (§
 105 46.2-300 et seq.) of Title 46.2 except driver privilege cards or permits issued pursuant to § 46.2-328.3 or
 106 identification privilege cards issued pursuant to § 46.2-345.3; or (ii) change an address on an existing driver's
 107 license or other document issued under Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of Title 46.2 except driver privilege
 108 cards or permits issued pursuant to § 46.2-328.3 or identification privilege cards issued pursuant to §
 109 46.2-345.3 shall be presented with (a) a question asking whether or not the person is a United States citizen
 110 and (b) the option to decline to have his information transmitted to the Department of Elections for voter
 111 registration purposes. The citizenship question and option to decline shall be accompanied by a statement that
 112 intentionally making a materially false statement during the transaction constitutes election fraud and is
 113 punishable under Virginia law as a felony.

114 The Department of Motor Vehicles may not transmit the information of any person who so declines. The
 115 Department of Motor Vehicles may not transmit the information of any person who indicates that he is not a
 116 United States citizen, nor may such person be asked any additional questions relevant to voter registration but
 117 not relevant to the purpose for which the person came to an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles or
 118 accessed its website.

119 B. For each person who does not select the option to decline to have his information transmitted to the

120 Department of Elections for voter registration purposes and who has identified himself as a United States
121 citizen, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall request any information as may be required by the State
122 Board to ensure that the person meets all voter registration eligibility requirements.

123 C. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall electronically transmit to the Department of Elections, in
124 accordance with the standards set by the State Board, the information collected pursuant to subsection B for
125 any person who (i) has indicated that he is a United States citizen, (ii) has indicated that he is 17 years of age
126 or older, and (iii) at the time of such transaction did not decline to have his information transmitted to the
127 Department of Elections for voter registration purposes.

128 D. The Department of Elections shall use the information transmitted to determine whether a person
129 already has a registration record in the voter registration system.

130 1. For any person who does not yet have a registration record in the voter registration system, the
131 Department of Elections shall transmit the information to the appropriate general registrar. The general
132 registrar shall accept or reject the registration of such person in accordance with the provisions of this
133 chapter.

134 2. For any person who already has a registration record in the voter registration system, if the information
135 indicates that the voter has moved within the Commonwealth, the Department of Elections shall transmit the
136 information and the registration record to the appropriate general registrar, who shall treat such transmittal as
137 a request for transfer and process it in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

138 3. General registrars shall not register any person who does not satisfy all voter eligibility requirements.

139 E. *The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide assistance as required in providing voter photo
140 identification cards in accordance with subdivision A 3 of § 24.2-404.*

141 **§ 24.2-420.1. Extended time for certain persons to register in person.**

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

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

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

148 3. *Any spouse or dependent residing with a person listed in subdivision 1 or 2.*

149 *The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to those persons who are otherwise qualified to register*
150 *and who, by reason of such active duty or temporary overseas residency, either (i) are normally absent from*
151 *the city or county in which they reside or (ii) have been absent from such city or county and returned to*
152 *reside there during the 28 days immediately preceding the election.*

153 B. *Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-416, any person who was on active duty as a member of a*
154 *uniformed service as defined in § 24.2-452 and discharged from the uniformed service during the 60 days*
155 *immediately preceding the election, and his spouse or dependent, shall be entitled to register, if otherwise*
156 *qualified, in person up to and including the day of the election.*

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

159 **§ 24.2-643. Qualified voter permitted to vote; procedures at polling place; voter identification.**

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

163 B. An officer of election shall ask the voter for his full name and current residence address and the voter
164 may give such information orally or in writing. The officer of election shall verify with the voter his full
165 name and address and shall repeat, in a voice audible to party and candidate representatives present, the full
166 name provided by the voter. The officer shall ask the voter to present any one of the following forms of
167 identification: (i) ~~his voter confirmation documents;~~ (ii) his valid Virginia driver's license, his valid United
168 States passport, or any other identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or
169 the United States, other than a driver privilege card issued under § 46.2-328.3 or an identification privilege
170 card issued under § 46.2-345.3; ~~(iii)~~ (ii) any valid student identification card *containing a photograph of the*
171 *voter and issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school*
172 *located in the Commonwealth;* ~~(iv)~~ (iii) any valid student identification card containing a photograph of the
173 voter and issued by any institution of higher education located in any other state or territory of the United
174 States; ~~(v)~~ or (iv) any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by
175 an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business; ~~or (vi) a copy of a current utility~~
176 ~~bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document containing the name and~~
177 ~~address of the voter. The expiration date on a Virginia driver's license shall not be considered when~~
178 ~~determining the validity of the driver's license offered for purposes of this section.~~

179 ~~Except as provided in subsection E, any~~ Any voter who does not show one of the forms of identification
180 ~~specified in this subsection shall be allowed to vote after signing a statement, subject to felony penalties for~~

181 false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, that he is the named registered voter he claims to be. A voter who
 182 requires assistance in voting by reason of a physical disability or an inability to read or write, and who
 183 requests assistance pursuant to § 24.2-649, may be assisted in preparation of this statement in accordance
 184 with that section. The provisions of § 24.2-649 regarding voters who are unable to sign shall be followed
 185 when assisting a voter in completing this statement. A voter who does not show one of the forms of
 186 identification specified in this subsection and does not sign this statement shall be offered a provisional ballot
 187 under the provisions of § 24.2-653. The State Board of Elections shall provide an ID-ONLY provisional
 188 ballot envelope that requires no follow-up action by the registrar or electoral board other than matching
 189 submitted identification documents from the voter for the electoral board to make a determination on whether
 190 to count the ballot.

191 If the voter presents one of the forms of identification listed above, if his name is found on the pollbook in
 192 a form identical to or substantially similar to the name on the presented form of identification and the name
 193 provided by the voter, if he is qualified to vote in the election, and if no objection is made, (a) an officer shall
 194 enter, opposite the voter's name on the pollbook, the first or next consecutive number from the voter count
 195 form provided by the State Board, or shall enter that the voter has voted if the pollbook is in electronic form;
 196 (b) an officer shall provide the voter with the official ballot; and (c) another officer shall admit him to the
 197 voting booth. Each voter whose name has been marked on the pollbooks as present to vote and entitled to a
 198 ballot shall remain in the presence of the officers of election in the polling place until he has voted. If a line of
 199 voters who have been marked on the pollbooks as present to vote forms to await entry to the voting booths,
 200 the line shall not be permitted to extend outside of the room containing the voting booths and shall remain
 201 under observation by the officers of election.

202 A voter may be accompanied into the voting booth by his child age 15 or younger.

203 C. If the current residence address provided by the voter is different from the address shown on the
 204 pollbook, the officer of election shall furnish the voter with a change of address form prescribed by the State
 205 Board. Upon its completion, the voter shall sign the prescribed form, subject to felony penalties for making
 206 false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, which the officer of election shall then place in an envelope
 207 provided for such forms for transmission to the general registrar who shall then transfer or cancel the
 208 registration of such voter pursuant to Chapter 4 (§ 24.2-400 et seq.).

209 D. At the time the voter is asked his full name and current residence address, the officer of election shall
 210 ask any voter for whom the pollbook indicates that an identification number other than a social security
 211 number is recorded on the Virginia voter registration system if he presently has a social security number. If
 212 the voter is able to provide his social security number, he shall be furnished with a voter registration form
 213 prescribed by the State Board to update his registration information. Upon its completion, the form shall be
 214 placed by the officer of election in an envelope provided for such forms for transmission to the general
 215 registrar. Any social security numbers so provided shall be entered by the general registrar in the voter's
 216 record on the voter registration system.

217 E. ~~This subsection shall apply in the case of any individual who is required by subparagraph (b) of 52~~
 218 ~~U.S.C. § 21083 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to show identification the first time he votes in a~~
 219 ~~federal election in the state. At such election, such individual shall present (i) a current and valid photo~~
 220 ~~identification or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other~~
 221 ~~government document that shows the name and address of the voter. Such individual who desires to vote in~~
 222 ~~person but does not show one of the forms of identification specified in this subsection shall be offered a~~
 223 ~~provisional ballot under the provisions of § 24.2-653. The identification requirements of subsection B of this~~
 224 ~~section and subsection A of § 24.2-653 shall not apply to such voter at such election. The Department of~~
 225 ~~Elections shall provide instructions to the electoral boards for the handling and counting of such provisional~~
 226 ~~ballots pursuant to subsection B of § 24.2-653 and this section.~~

227 **§ 24.2-653. Provisional voting; procedures in polling place.**

228 A. Any person voting provisionally pursuant to subsection B of § 24.2-643, § 24.2-651.1, subsection B of
 229 § 24.2-652, or § 24.2-653.1 or 24.2-653.2 shall be given a printed ballot and provide, subject to the penalties
 230 for making false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, on a green envelope supplied by the Department of
 231 Elections, the identifying information required on the envelope, including the last four digits of his social
 232 security number, if any, full name including the maiden or any other prior legal name, date of birth, complete
 233 address, and signature. Such person shall be asked to present one of the forms of identification specified in
 234 subsection B of § 24.2-643. ~~If he is unable to present one of these forms of identification, he shall sign a~~
 235 ~~statement, subject to felony penalties for false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, that he is the named~~
 236 ~~registered voter he claims to be. The officers of election shall note on the green envelope whether or not the~~
 237 ~~voter has presented one of the specified forms of identification or signed the required statement in lieu of~~
 238 ~~presenting one of the specified forms of identification. The officers of election shall enter the appropriate~~
 239 ~~information for the person in the precinct provisional ballots log in accordance with the instructions of the~~
 240 ~~State Board but shall not enter a consecutive number for the voter on the pollbook nor otherwise mark his~~
 241 ~~name as having voted.~~

242 The voter shall then, in the presence of an officer of election, but in a secret manner, mark the printed

243 ballot as provided in § 24.2-644 and seal it in the green envelope. The envelope containing the ballot shall
 244 then promptly be placed in the ballot container by an officer of election.

245 B. An officer of election, by a written notice given to the voter, shall inform him that a determination of
 246 his right to vote shall be made by the electoral board and advise the voter of the beginning time and place for
 247 the board's meeting and of the voter's right to be present at that meeting. If the voter is voting provisionally as
 248 required by § 24.2-643, an officer of election, by written notice given to the voter, shall also inform him that
 249 he may submit a copy of one of the forms of identification specified in subsection B of § 24.2-643 ~~or a~~
 250 ~~statement, signed by him subject to felony penalties for false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, that he is~~
 251 ~~the named registered voter he claims to be~~ to the electoral board by facsimile, electronic mail, in-person
 252 submission, or timely United States Postal Service or commercial mail delivery, to be received by the
 253 electoral board no later than noon on the third day after the election.

254 C. The provisional votes submitted pursuant to subsection A, in their unopened envelopes, shall be sealed
 255 in a special envelope marked "Provisional Votes," inscribed with the number of envelopes contained therein,
 256 and signed by the officers of election who counted them. All provisional votes envelopes shall be delivered
 257 either (i) to the clerk of the circuit court who shall deliver all such envelopes to the secretary of the electoral
 258 board or (ii) to the general registrar in localities in which the electoral board has directed delivery of election
 259 materials to the general registrar pursuant to § 24.2-668.

260 **§ 24.2-653.01. Provisional ballots; electoral boards to make determination as to validity.**

261 A. The electoral board shall meet on the day following the election and determine whether each person
 262 having submitted a provisional vote pursuant to § 24.2-653 was entitled to do so as a qualified voter in the
 263 precinct in which he offered the provisional vote. In the case of persons voting provisionally pursuant to §
 264 24.2-653.3, the electoral board shall determine of which district the person is a qualified voter. At the
 265 meeting, the voter may request an extension of the determination of the provisional vote in order to provide
 266 information to prove that the voter is entitled to vote in the precinct pursuant to § 24.2-401. The electoral
 267 board shall have the authority to grant such extensions that it deems reasonable to determine the status of a
 268 provisional vote.

269 If the board is unable to determine the validity of all the provisional ballots offered in the election, or has
 270 granted any voter who has offered a provisional ballot an extension, the meeting shall stand adjourned, not to
 271 exceed 10 calendar days from the date of the election, until the board has determined the validity of all
 272 provisional ballots offered in the election.

273 B. The electoral board shall permit one authorized representative of each political party or independent
 274 candidate in a general or special election or one authorized representative of each candidate in a primary
 275 election to remain in the room in which the determination is being made as an observer so long as he does not
 276 participate in the proceedings and does not impede the orderly conduct of the determination. Each authorized
 277 representative shall be a qualified voter of any jurisdiction of the Commonwealth. Each representative, who is
 278 not himself a candidate or party chairman, shall present to the electoral board a written statement designating
 279 him to be a representative of the party or candidate and signed by the county or city chairman of his political
 280 party, the independent candidate, or the primary candidate, as appropriate. If the county or city chairman is
 281 unavailable to sign such a written designation, such a designation may be made by the state or district
 282 chairman of the political party. However, no written designation made by a state or district chairman shall
 283 take precedence over a written designation made by the county or city chairman. Such statement, bearing the
 284 chairman's or candidate's original signature, may be photocopied and such photocopy shall be as valid as if
 285 the copy had been signed.

286 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.),
 287 attendance at meetings of the electoral board to determine the validity of provisional ballots shall be
 288 permitted only for the authorized representatives provided for in this subsection, for the persons whose
 289 provisional votes are being considered and their representative or legal counsel, and for appropriate staff and
 290 legal counsel for the electoral board.

291 C. If the electoral board determines that such person was not entitled to vote as a qualified voter in the
 292 precinct or district in which he offered the provisional vote, is unable to determine his right to vote, or has not
 293 been provided one of the forms of identification specified in subsection B of § 24.2-643; ~~or the signed~~
 294 ~~statement that the voter is the named registered voter he claims to be~~, the envelope containing his ballot shall
 295 not be opened and his vote shall not be counted. The general registrar shall notify in writing pursuant to §
 296 24.2-114 those persons found not properly registered or whose provisional vote was not counted.

297 The provisional vote shall be counted if (i) such person is entitled to vote in the precinct pursuant to §
 298 24.2-401 or (ii) the Department of Elections or the voter presents proof that indicates the voter submitted an
 299 application for registration to a state-designated voter registration agency or the voter's information was
 300 transmitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Elections pursuant to § 24.2-411.3
 301 prior to the close of registration pursuant to § 24.2-416 and the registrar determines that the person was
 302 qualified for registration based upon the application for registration submitted by the person pursuant to
 303 subsection B of § 24.2-652.

304 If the electoral board determines that such person was entitled to vote, the name of the voter shall be

305 entered in a provisional votes pollbook and marked as having voted, the envelope shall be opened, and the
306 ballot shall be placed in a ballot container without any inspection further than that provided for in § 24.2-646.

307 D. On completion of its determination, the electoral board shall proceed to count such ballots and certify
308 the results of its count. Its certified results shall be added to those found pursuant to § 24.2-671. No
309 adjustment shall be made to the statement of results for the precinct in which the person offered to vote.
310 However, any voter who cast a provisional ballot and is determined by the electoral board to have been
311 entitled to vote shall have his name included on the list of persons who voted that is submitted to the
312 Department of Elections pursuant to § 24.2-406.

313 E. The certification of the results of the count together with all ballots and envelopes, whether open or
314 unopened, and other related material shall be delivered by the electoral board to the clerk of the circuit court
315 and retained by him as provided for in §§ 24.2-668 and 24.2-669.

316 **§ 24.2-701. Application for absentee ballot.**

317 A. The Department shall furnish each general registrar with a sufficient number of applications for official
318 absentee ballots. The registrars shall furnish applications to persons requesting them.

319 The Department shall implement a system that enables eligible persons to request and receive an absentee
320 ballot application electronically through the Internet. Electronic absentee ballot applications shall be in a form
321 approved by the State Board.

322 Except as provided in § 24.2-703 or 24.2-703.1, a separate application shall be completed for each
323 election in which the applicant offers to vote. An application for an absentee ballot may be accepted the later
324 of (i) 12 months before an election or (ii) the day following any election held in the twelfth month prior to the
325 election in which the applicant is applying to vote.

326 An application that is completed in person at the same time that the applicant registers to vote shall be
327 held and processed no sooner than the fifth day after the date that the applicant registered to vote; however,
328 this requirement shall not be applicable to any covered voter, as defined in § 24.2-452.

329 Any application received before the ballots are printed shall be held and processed as soon as the printed
330 ballots for the election are available.

331 For the purposes of this chapter, the general registrar's office shall be open a minimum of eight hours
332 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the first and second Saturday immediately preceding all
333 elections.

334 Unless the applicant is disabled, all applications for absentee ballots shall be signed by the applicant who
335 shall state, subject to felony penalties for making false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, that to the best of
336 his knowledge and belief the facts contained in the application are true and correct and that he has not and
337 will not vote in the election at any other place in Virginia or in any other state. If the applicant is unable to
338 sign the application, a person assisting the applicant will note this fact on the applicant signature line and
339 provide his signature, name, and address.

340 B. Applications for absentee ballots shall be completed in the following manner:

341 1. An application completed in person shall be completed only in the office of the general registrar and
342 signed by the applicant in the presence of a registrar. The applicant shall provide one of the forms of
343 identification specified in subsection B of § 24.2-643; ~~or if he is unable to present one of the specified forms~~
344 ~~of identification listed in that subsection, he shall sign a statement, subject to felony penalties for making~~
345 ~~false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, that he is the named registered voter he claims to be. An applicant~~
346 ~~who requires assistance in voting by reason of a physical disability or an inability to read or write, and who~~
347 ~~requests assistance pursuant to § 24.2-649, may be assisted in preparation of this statement in accordance~~
348 ~~with that section. The provisions of § 24.2-649 regarding voters who are unable to sign shall be followed~~
349 ~~when assisting a voter in completing this statement. Any applicant who does not show one of the forms of~~
350 ~~identification specified in subsection B of § 24.2-643 or does not sign this statement shall be offered a~~
351 ~~provisional ballot under the provisions of § 24.2-653. The State Board of Elections shall provide instructions~~
352 ~~to the general registrar for the handling and counting of such provisional ballots pursuant to § 24.2-653.01~~
353 ~~and this section.~~

354 ~~This paragraph shall apply in the case of any individual who is required by subparagraph (b) of 52 U.S.C.~~
355 ~~§ 21083 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to show identification the first time he votes in a federal~~
356 ~~election in the state. At such election, such individual shall present (i) a current and valid photo identification~~
357 ~~or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government~~
358 ~~document that shows the name and address of the voter. Such individual who desires to vote in person but~~
359 ~~does not show one of the forms of identification specified in this paragraph shall be offered a provisional~~
360 ~~ballot under the provisions of § 24.2-653. The identification requirements of subsection B of § 24.2-643 and~~
361 ~~subsection A of § 24.2-653 shall not apply to such voter at such election. The Department of Elections shall~~
362 ~~provide instructions to the electoral boards for the handling and counting of such provisional ballots pursuant~~
363 ~~to § 24.2-653.01 and this section.~~

364 2. Any other application may be made by mail, by electronic or telephonic transmission to a facsimile
365 device if one is available to the office of the general registrar or to the office of the Department if a device is

366 not available locally, or by other means. The application shall be on a form furnished by the registrar or as
 367 specified in subdivision 3. The application shall be made to the appropriate registrar no later than 5:00 p.m.
 368 on the eleventh day prior to the election in which the applicant offers to vote.

369 3. The application of any covered voter, as defined in § 24.2-452, may be on a federal postcard
 370 application, as defined in § 24.2-452. The federal postcard application may be accepted the later of (i) 12
 371 months before an election or (ii) the day following any election held in the twelfth month prior to the election
 372 in which the applicant is applying to vote.

373 C. Applications for absentee ballots shall contain the following information:

374 1. The applicant's printed name and the last four digits of the applicant's social security number. ~~However,~~
 375 ~~an applicant completing the application in person shall not be required to provide the last four digits of his~~
 376 ~~social security number;~~

377 2. A statement that he is registered in the county or city in which he offers to vote and his residence
 378 address in such county or city. Any person temporarily residing outside the United States shall provide the
 379 last date of residency at his Virginia residence address, if that residence is no longer available to him. Any
 380 covered voter, as defined in § 24.2-452, who is not a registered voter may file the applications to register and
 381 for a ballot simultaneously; and

382 3. The complete address to which the ballot is to be sent directly to the applicant, unless the application is
 383 made in person at a time when the printed ballots for the election are available and the applicant chooses to
 384 vote in person at the time of completing his application. The address given shall be (i) the address of the
 385 applicant on file in the registration records; (ii) the address at which he will be located while absent from his
 386 county or city; or (iii) the address at which he will be located while temporarily confined while awaiting trial
 387 or for a misdemeanor conviction or due to a disability or illness. No ballot shall be sent to, or in care of, any
 388 other person.

389 D. An application shall not be required for any registered voter appearing in person to cast an absentee
 390 ballot pursuant to § 24.2-701.1.

391 **§ 24.2-701.1. Absentee voting in person.**

392 A. Absentee voting in person shall be available on the ~~forty-fifth~~ *fourteenth* day prior to any election and
 393 shall continue until 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding the election. In the case of a special
 394 election, excluding for federal offices, if time is insufficient between the issuance of the writ calling for the
 395 special election and the date of the special election, absentee voting in person shall be available as soon as
 396 possible after the issuance of the writ.

397 Any registered voter offering to vote absentee in person shall provide his name and his residence address
 398 in the county or city in which he is offering to vote. After verifying that the voter is a registered voter of that
 399 county or city, the general registrar shall enroll the voter's name and address on the absentee voter applicant
 400 list maintained pursuant to § 24.2-706.

401 ~~Except as provided in subsection F, a registered voter voting by absentee ballot in person shall provide~~
 402 ~~one of the forms of identification specified in subsection B of § 24.2-643. If he does not show one of the~~
 403 ~~forms of identification specified in subsection B of § 24.2-643, he shall be allowed to vote after signing a~~
 404 ~~statement, subject to felony penalties for false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, that he is the named~~
 405 ~~registered voter he claims to be. A voter who requires assistance in voting by reason of a physical disability~~
 406 ~~or an inability to read or write, and who requests assistance pursuant to § 24.2-649, may be assisted in~~
 407 ~~preparation of this statement in accordance with that section. The provisions of § 24.2-649 regarding voters~~
 408 ~~who are unable to sign shall be followed when assisting a voter in completing this statement. A voter who~~
 409 ~~does not show one of the forms of identification specified in this subsection or does not sign this statement~~
 410 ~~shall be offered a provisional ballot under the provisions of § 24.2-653. The State Board shall provide~~
 411 ~~instructions to the general registrar for the handling and counting of such provisional ballots pursuant to §~~
 412 ~~24.2-653.01 and this section.~~

413 B. Absentee voting in person shall be available during regular business hours. The electoral board of each
 414 county and city shall provide for absentee voting in person in the office of the general registrar or a voter
 415 satellite office established pursuant to § 24.2-701.2. For purposes of this chapter, such offices shall be open to
 416 the public a minimum of eight hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the ~~first and second~~
 417 ~~Saturday immediately preceding all elections. The electoral board or general registrar may provide for~~
 418 ~~absentee voting in person in such offices on Sundays.~~ Any applicant who is in line to cast his ballot when the
 419 office of the general registrar or voter satellite office closes shall be permitted to cast his absentee ballot that
 420 day.

421 C. The general registrar may provide for the casting of absentee ballots in person pursuant to this section
 422 on voting systems. The Department shall prescribe the procedures for use of voting systems. The procedures
 423 shall provide for absentee voting in person on voting systems that have been certified and are currently
 424 approved by the State Board. The procedures shall be applicable and uniformly applied by the Department to
 425 all localities using comparable voting systems.

426 D. At least two officers of election shall be present during all hours that absentee voting in person is

427 available and shall represent the two major political parties, except in the case of a party primary, when they
428 may represent the party conducting the primary. However, such requirement shall not apply when (i) voting
429 systems that are being used pursuant to subsection C are located in the office of the general registrar or voter
430 satellite office and (ii) the general registrar or a deputy registrar is present.

431 E. The Department shall include absentee ballots voted in person in its instructions for the preparation,
432 maintenance, and reporting of ballots, pollbooks, records, and returns.

433 F. ~~This subsection shall apply in the case of any individual who is required by subparagraph (b) of 52~~
434 ~~U.S.C. § 21083 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to show identification the first time he votes in a~~
435 ~~federal election in the state. At such election, such individual shall present (i) a current and valid photo~~
436 ~~identification or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other~~
437 ~~government document that shows the name and address of the voter. Such individual who desires to vote in~~
438 ~~person but who does not show one of the forms of identification specified in this subsection shall be offered a~~
439 ~~provisional ballot under the provisions of § 24.2-653. The identification requirements of subsection B of §~~
440 ~~24.2-643 and subsection A of § 24.2-653 shall not apply to such voter at such election. The Department of~~
441 ~~Elections shall provide instructions to the electoral boards for the handling and counting of such provisional~~
442 ~~ballots pursuant to § 24.2-653.01 and this section.~~

443 **§ 24.2-706. Duty of general registrar on receipt of application; statement of voter.**

444 A. On receipt of an application for an absentee ballot, the general registrar shall enroll the name and
445 address of each registered applicant on an absentee voter applicant list that shall be maintained in the office
446 of the general registrar with a file of the applications received. The list shall be available for inspection and
447 copying and the applications shall be available for inspection only by any registered voter during regular
448 office hours. Upon request and for a reasonable fee, the Department of Elections shall provide an electronic
449 copy of the absentee voter applicant list to any political party or candidate. Such list shall be used only for
450 campaign and political purposes. Any list made available for inspection and copying under this section shall
451 contain the post office box address in lieu of the residence street address for any individual who has furnished
452 at the time of registration or subsequently, in addition to his street address, a post office box address pursuant
453 to subsection B of § 24.2-418.

454 No list or application containing an individual's social security number, or any part thereof, or the
455 individual's day and month of birth, shall be made available for inspection or copying by anyone. The
456 Department of Elections shall prescribe procedures for general registrars to make the information in the lists
457 and applications available in a manner that does not reveal social security numbers or parts thereof, or an
458 individual's day and month of birth.

459 B. The completion and timely delivery of an application for an absentee ballot shall be construed to be an
460 offer by the applicant to vote in the election.

461 The general registrar shall note on each application received whether the applicant is or is not a registered
462 voter. In reviewing the application for an absentee ballot, the general registrar shall not reject the application
463 of any individual because of an error or omission on any record or paper relating to the application, if such
464 error or omission is not material in determining whether such individual is qualified to vote absentee.

465 C. If the application has been properly completed and signed and the applicant is a registered voter of the
466 precinct in which he offers to vote, the general registrar shall, at the time when the printed ballots for the
467 election are available, send by the deadline set out in § 24.2-612, obtaining a certificate or other evidence of
468 either first-class or expedited mailing or delivery from the United States Postal Service or other commercial
469 delivery provider, or deliver to him in person in the office of the registrar, the following items and nothing
470 else:

- 471 1. An envelope containing the folded ballot, sealed and marked "Ballot within."
- 472 2. An envelope for resealing the marked ballot, on which envelope is printed the following:
473 "Statement of Voter."

474 "I do hereby state, subject to felony penalties for making false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016, that my
475 FULL NAME is (last, first, middle); that I am now or have been at some time since last November's general
476 election a legal resident of (STATE YOUR LEGAL RESIDENCE IN VIRGINIA including the house
477 number, street name or rural route address, city, zip code); that I received the enclosed ballot(s) upon
478 application to the registrar of such county or city; that I opened the envelope marked 'ballot within' and
479 marked the ballot(s), without assistance or knowledge on the part of anyone as to the manner in which I
480 marked it (or I am returning the form required to report how I was assisted); that I then sealed the ballot(s) in
481 this envelope; and that I have not voted and will not vote in this election at any other time or place.

482 Signature of Voter _____
483 Last four digits of voter's social security number _____
484 Voter's birth year _____
485 Date _____"

486 For elections held after January 1, 2004, instead of the envelope containing the above oath, an envelope
487 containing the standard oath prescribed by the presidential designee under § 101(b)(7) of the Uniformed and

488 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. § 20301 et seq.) shall be sent to voters who are qualified
489 to vote absentee under that Act.

490 For purposes of properly completing this statement, the unique identifier assigned to the voter in the voter
491 registration system pursuant to subdivision A 1 of § 24.2-404 shall be accepted in place of the last four digits
492 of the voter's social security number for those voters whose registration includes a statement of affirmation
493 that they have never been issued a social security number.

494 When this statement has been properly completed and signed by the registered voter, his ballot shall not
495 be subject to challenge pursuant to § 24.2-651.

496 3. An envelope, properly addressed and postage prepaid, for the return of the ballot to the general registrar
497 by mail or by the applicant in person; ~~or to a drop-off location.~~

498 4. Printed instructions for completing the ballot and statement on the envelope and returning the ballot.
499 ~~Such instructions shall include information on the sites of all drop-off locations in the county or city.~~
500 Whenever there is a proposed constitutional amendment or a statewide referendum to be voted on by the
501 voters, these instructions shall also include the website address where the explanation of the proposed
502 amendment prepared pursuant to § 30-19.9 or the information about the referendum prepared pursuant to §
503 30-19.10 is posted on the Department's website.

504 For federal elections held after January 1, 2004, for any voter who is required by subparagraph (b) of 52
505 U.S.C. § 21083 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to show identification the first time the voter votes in
506 a federal election in the state, the printed instructions shall direct the voter to submit with his ballot (i) a copy
507 of a current and valid photo identification or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government
508 check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. Such
509 individual who desires to vote by mail but who does not submit one of the forms of identification specified in
510 this paragraph may cast such ballot by mail and the ballot shall be counted as a provisional ballot under the
511 provisions of § 24.2-653.01. The Department of Elections shall provide instructions to the electoral boards
512 for the handling and counting of such provisional ballots pursuant to § 24.2-653.01 and this section.

513 5. For any voter entitled to vote absentee under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting
514 Act (52 U.S.C. § 20301 et seq.), information provided by the Department of Elections specific to the voting
515 rights and responsibilities for such citizens, or information provided by the registrar specific to the status of
516 the voter registration and absentee ballot application of such voter, may be included.

517 The envelopes and instructions shall be in the form prescribed by the Department of Elections.

518 D. The general registrar may contract with a third party for the printing, assembly, and mailing of the
519 items set forth in subsection C. The general registrar shall provide to the contractor in a timely manner the
520 names, addresses, precincts, and ballot styles of voters requesting an absentee ballot by mail. The vendor
521 shall provide to the general registrar a report of the voters to whom the absentee ballot materials have been
522 sent.

523 E. If the applicant completes his application in person under § 24.2-701 at a time when the printed ballots
524 for the election are available, he may request that the general registrar send to him by mail the items set forth
525 in subdivisions C 1 through 4, instead of casting the ballot in person. Such request shall be made no later than
526 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day prior to the election in which the applicant offers to vote, and the general
527 registrar shall send those items to the applicant by mail, obtaining a certificate or other evidence of mailing.

528 F. If the applicant is a covered voter, as defined in § 24.2-452, the general registrar, at the time when the
529 printed ballots for the election are available, shall mail by the deadline set forth in § 24.2-612 or deliver in
530 person to the applicant in the office of the general registrar the items as set forth in subdivisions C 1 through
531 4 and, if necessary, an application for registration. A certificate or other evidence of mailing shall not be
532 required. If the applicant requests that such items be sent by electronic transmission, the general registrar, at
533 the time when the printed ballots for the election are available but not later than the deadline set forth in §
534 24.2-612, shall send by electronic transmission the blank ballot, the form for the envelope for returning the
535 marked ballot, and instructions to the voter. Such materials shall be sent using the official email address or
536 fax number of the office of the general registrar published on the Department of Elections website. The State
537 Board of Elections may prescribe by regulation the format of the email address used for transmitting ballots
538 to eligible voters. A general registrar may also use electronic transmission facilities provided by the Federal
539 Voting Assistance Program. The voted ballot shall be returned to the general registrar as otherwise required
540 by this chapter.

541 G. The circuit courts shall have jurisdiction to issue an injunction to enforce the provisions of this section
542 upon the application of (i) any aggrieved voter, (ii) any candidate in an election district in whole or in part in
543 the court's jurisdiction where a violation of this section has occurred, or is likely to occur, or (iii) the
544 campaign committee or the appropriate district political party chairman of such candidate. Any person who
545 fails to discharge his duty as provided in this section through willful neglect of duty and with malicious intent
546 shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor as provided in subsection A of § 24.2-1001.

547 **§ 24.2-707. How ballots marked and returned.**

548 A. On receipt of a mailed absentee ballot, the voter shall (i) open the sealed envelope marked "ballot

549 within" and (ii) mark and refold the ballot, as provided in §§ 24.2-644 and 24.2-646 without assistance and
 550 without making known how he marked the ballot, except as provided by § 24.2-704.

551 After the voter has marked his absentee ballot, he shall (a) enclose the ballot in the envelope provided for
 552 that purpose, (b) seal the envelope, (c) fill in and sign the statement printed on the back of the envelope, (d)
 553 enclose the ballot envelope and any required assistance form within the envelope directed to the general
 554 registrar, and (e) seal that envelope. A voter's failure to provide in the statement on the back of the envelope
 555 his full middle name or his middle initial shall not be a material omission, rendering his ballot void, unless
 556 the voter failed to provide in the statement on the back of the envelope his full first and last name. A voter's
 557 failure to provide the date, or any part of the date, including the year, on which he signed the statement
 558 printed on the back of the envelope shall not be considered a material omission and shall not render his ballot
 559 void.

560 B. A mailed absentee ballot shall be returned ~~(i)~~ by mail to the office of the general registrar; ~~(ii)~~ or by the
 561 voter in person to the general registrar; ~~or (iii) to a drop-off location established pursuant to § 24.2-707.1.~~ For
 562 purposes of this subsection, "mail" includes a delivery by a commercial delivery service but does not include
 563 delivery by a personal courier service or other individual except as provided by §§ 24.2-703.2 and 24.2-705.

564 C. Failure to follow the procedures set forth in this section shall render the applicant's ballot void.

565 **§ 24.2-709. Ballot to be returned in manner prescribed by law.**

566 A. Any ballot returned to the office of the general registrar ~~or to a drop-off location~~ in any manner except
 567 as prescribed by law shall be void. Absentee ballots shall be returned to the general registrar ~~or to a drop-off~~
 568 ~~location~~ before the closing of the polls *and, if returned by mail, shall be postmarked on or before the*
 569 *Saturday immediately preceding the date of the election. Any voter who is in line to return an absentee ballot*
 570 *at a drop-off location by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election shall be permitted to deposit his absentee ballot.*
 571 The registrar receiving the ballot shall (i) seal the ballot in an envelope with the statement or declaration of
 572 the voter, or both, attached to the outside and (ii) mark on each envelope the date, time, and manner of
 573 delivery. No returned absentee ballot shall be deemed void because (a) the inner envelope containing the
 574 voted ballot is imperfectly sealed so long as the outside envelope containing the ballot envelope is sealed or
 575 (b) it is not returned sealed in the outside envelope so long as it is returned sealed in the inner envelope.

576 B. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, any absentee ballot (i) returned to the general registrar~~
 577 ~~after the closing of the polls on election day but before noon on the third day after the election and (ii)~~
 578 ~~postmarked on or before the date of the election shall be counted pursuant to the procedures set forth in this~~
 579 ~~chapter if the voter is found entitled to vote. For purposes of this subsection, a postmark shall include any~~
 580 ~~other official indicia of confirmation of mailing by the United States Postal Service or other postal or delivery~~
 581 ~~service.~~

582 C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, any absentee ballot (i) received after the close of the
 583 polls on any election day, (ii) received before 5:00 p.m. on the second business day before the State Board
 584 meets to ascertain the results of the election pursuant to this title, (iii) requested on or before but not sent by
 585 the deadline for making absentee ballots available under § 24.2-612, and (iv) cast by a covered voter, as
 586 defined in § 24.2-452, shall be counted pursuant to the procedures set forth in this chapter if the voter is
 587 found entitled to vote. The electoral board shall prepare an amended certified abstract, which shall include the
 588 results of such ballots, and shall deliver such abstract to the State Board by the business day prior to its
 589 meeting pursuant to this title, and shall deliver a copy of such abstract to the general registrar to be available
 590 for inspection when his office is open for business.

591 ~~D. C.~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (i) of subsection B of § 24.2-427, an absentee ballot
 592 returned by a voter in compliance with § 24.2-707 and this section who dies prior to the counting of absentee
 593 ballots on election day shall be counted pursuant to the procedures set forth in this chapter if the voter is
 594 found to have been entitled to vote at the time that he returned the ballot.

595 **§ 24.2-709.1. Processing returned absentee ballots before election day; cure process.**

596 A. On receipt of an absentee ballot returned in person or by mail to the office of the general registrar ~~or to~~
 597 ~~a drop-off location~~ before election day, the general registrar shall mark the date of receipt in the voter's record
 598 and shall examine the ballot envelope to verify completion of the required voter affirmation. A voter
 599 affirmation statement shall not be deemed to be incomplete on the sole basis of the voter's failure to provide
 600 (i) his full name or his middle initial, as long as the voter provided his full first and last name, or (ii) the date,
 601 or any part of the date, including the year, on which he signed the statement.

602 B. If the voter affirmation has been completed as required, the general registrar may open the sealed ballot
 603 envelope and insert the ballot in optical scan counting equipment or other secure ballot container without
 604 initiating any ballot count totals. If a general registrar does not choose to do so, the sealed ballot envelope
 605 shall be deposited into a secure container provided for such purpose, in which it shall remain until the general
 606 registrar initiates the process of opening the sealed ballot envelopes deposited into the secure container and
 607 inserting such ballots into optical scan counting equipment without initiating any ballot count totals. Such
 608 process shall be at the general registrar's discretion at any time prior to the seventh day immediately
 609 preceding the election but shall be mandatory beginning on the seventh day immediately preceding the

610 election.

611 At least two officers of election, one representing each political party, shall be present during all hours
612 when sealed ballot envelopes are opened as authorized in or required by this subsection. No person present
613 while sealed ballot envelopes are opened and ballots are inserted into counting equipment shall disclose any
614 information concerning the ballots.

615 In the event that circumstances prevent a general registrar from complying with the provisions of this
616 subsection, such failure shall not be grounds for contesting the election pursuant to Article 2 (§ 24.2-803 et
617 seq.) of Chapter 8 and shall not invalidate the absentee ballots.

618 C. For any absentee ballot received by the Friday immediately preceding the day of the election, if the
619 general registrar finds during the examination of the ballot envelope that the required voter affirmation was
620 not correctly or completely filled out or that a procedure required by § 24.2-707 was not properly followed,
621 and such error or failure would render the ballot void by law, the general registrar shall enter into the voter's
622 record in the voter registration system that the absentee ballot has an issue requiring correction in order for it
623 to be counted. This information shall be included on any absentee voter applicant list provided pursuant to
624 subsection C of § 24.2-710.

625 Within three days of such finding, the registrar shall notify the voter in writing or by email of the error or
626 failure and shall provide information to the voter on how to correct the issue so his ballot may be counted.
627 The voter shall be entitled to make such necessary corrections before noon on the third day after the election,
628 and his ballot shall then be counted pursuant to the procedures set forth in this chapter if he is found to be
629 entitled to vote. No absentee ballot needing correction shall be delivered to the officers of election at the
630 appropriate precinct until the voter is provided the opportunity to make the necessary corrections pursuant to
631 this subsection.

632 The general registrar may issue a new absentee ballot to the voter if necessary and shall preserve the first
633 ballot with other spoiled ballots.

634 **2. That § 24.2-707.1 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**

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