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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2276****AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations  
on February 17, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Price)

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-3711, 24.2-401, 24.2-404, 24.2-408, 24.2-409, 24.2-410, 24.2-410.1, 24.2-427, 24.2-435, 24.2-444, 24.2-703.1, and 24.2-709 of the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-407.2, by adding in Chapter 4 of Title 24.2 an article numbered 2.1 and by adding in such article sections numbered 24.2-407.3 and 24.2-410.3 through 24.2-410.6, and by adding sections numbered 24.2-426.1 and 24.2-427.1; and to repeal §§ 24.2-404.3, 24.2-404.4, 24.2-410.2, 24.2-428, 24.2-428.1, and 24.2-428.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voter registration; list maintenance activities; cancellation procedures; record matches; required identification information; data standards.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 2.2-3711, 24.2-401, 24.2-404, 24.2-408, 24.2-409, 24.2-410, 24.2-410.1, 24.2-427, 24.2-435, 24.2-444, 24.2-703.1, and 24.2-709 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-407.2, by adding in Chapter 4 of Title 24.2 an article numbered 2.1 and by adding in such article sections numbered 24.2-407.3 and 24.2-410.3 through 24.2-410.6, and by adding sections numbered 24.2-426.1 and 24.2-427.1 as follows:**

**§ 2.2-3711. Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes.**

A. Public bodies may hold closed meetings only for the following purposes:

1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided that the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.

2. Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or any state school system. However, any such student, legal counsel and, if the student is a minor, the student's parents or legal guardians shall be permitted to be present during the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence at a closed meeting, if such student, parents, or guardians so request in writing and such request is submitted to the presiding officer of the appropriate board.

3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

4. The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.

5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

6. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

60 9. Discussion or consideration by governing boards of public institutions of higher education of matters  
61 relating to gifts, bequests and fund-raising activities, and of grants and contracts for services or work to be  
62 performed by such institution. However, the terms and conditions of any such gifts, bequests, grants, and  
63 contracts made by a foreign government, a foreign legal entity, or a foreign person and accepted by a public  
64 institution of higher education in the Commonwealth shall be subject to public disclosure upon written  
65 request to the appropriate board of visitors. For the purpose of this subdivision, (i) "foreign government"  
66 means any government other than the United States government or the government of a state or a political  
67 subdivision thereof, (ii) "foreign legal entity" means any legal entity (a) created under the laws of the United  
68 States or of any state thereof if a majority of the ownership of the stock of such legal entity is owned by  
69 foreign governments or foreign persons or if a majority of the membership of any such entity is composed of  
70 foreign persons or foreign legal entities or (b) created under the laws of a foreign government, and (iii)  
71 "foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States or a trust territory  
72 or protectorate thereof.

73 10. Discussion or consideration by the boards of trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the  
74 Virginia Museum of Natural History, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the Fort Monroe Authority, and  
75 The Science Museum of Virginia of matters relating to specific gifts, bequests, and grants from private  
76 sources.

77 11. Discussion or consideration of honorary degrees or special awards.

78 12. Discussion or consideration of tests, examinations, or other information used, administered, or  
79 prepared by a public body and subject to the exclusion in subdivision 4 of § 2.2-3705.1.

80 13. Discussion, consideration, or review by the appropriate House or Senate committees of possible  
81 disciplinary action against a member arising out of the possible inadequacy of the disclosure statement filed  
82 by the member, provided that the member may request in writing that the committee meeting not be  
83 conducted in a closed meeting.

84 14. Discussion of strategy with respect to the negotiation of a hazardous waste siting agreement or to  
85 consider the terms, conditions, and provisions of a hazardous waste siting agreement if the governing body in  
86 open meeting finds that an open meeting will have an adverse effect upon the negotiating position of the  
87 governing body or the establishment of the terms, conditions and provisions of the siting agreement, or both.  
88 All discussions with the applicant or its representatives may be conducted in a closed meeting.

89 15. Discussion by the Governor and any economic advisory board reviewing forecasts of economic  
90 activity and estimating general and nongeneral fund revenues.

91 16. Discussion or consideration of medical and mental health records subject to the exclusion in  
92 subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.5.

93 17. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in a licensing appeal action conducted pursuant to  
94 subsection D of § 58.1-4007 regarding the denial or revocation of a license of a lottery sales agent; and  
95 discussion, consideration or review of Virginia Lottery matters related to proprietary lottery game  
96 information and studies or investigations excluded from disclosure under subdivision 6 of § 2.2-3705.3 and  
97 subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.7.

98 18. Those portions of meetings in which the State Board of Local and Regional Jails discusses or discloses  
99 the identity of, or information tending to identify, any prisoner who (i) provides information about crimes or  
100 criminal activities, (ii) renders assistance in preventing the escape of another prisoner or in the apprehension  
101 of an escaped prisoner, or (iii) voluntarily or at the instance of a prison official renders other extraordinary  
102 services, the disclosure of which is likely to jeopardize the prisoner's life or safety.

103 19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity  
104 threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency  
105 service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety;  
106 discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2, where discussion in  
107 an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure,  
108 information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security  
109 of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or  
110 structure.

111 20. Discussion by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or of  
112 any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or by a local finance board or board of trustees of  
113 a trust established by one or more local public bodies to invest funds for postemployment benefits other than  
114 pensions, acting pursuant to Article 8 (§ 15.2-1544 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2, or by the board of  
115 visitors of the University of Virginia, acting pursuant to § 23.1-2210, or by the Board of the Commonwealth  
116 Savers Plan, acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, regarding the acquisition, holding or disposition of a security or  
117 other ownership interest in an entity, where such security or ownership interest is not traded on a  
118 governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that such discussion (i) concerns confidential  
119 analyses prepared for the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, prepared by the retirement system, or  
120 a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Commonwealth Savers Plan or provided to the retirement  
121 system, a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Commonwealth Savers Plan under a promise of

122 confidentiality, of the future value of such ownership interest or the future financial performance of the  
 123 entity, and (ii) would have an adverse effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held, or disposed  
 124 of by the retirement system, a local finance board or board of trustees, the board of visitors of the University  
 125 of Virginia, or the Commonwealth Savers Plan. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent the  
 126 disclosure of information relating to the identity of any investment held, the amount invested or the present  
 127 value of such investment.

128 21. Those portions of meetings in which individual child death cases are discussed by the State Child  
 129 Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, those portions of meetings in which individual  
 130 child death cases are discussed by a regional or local child fatality review team established pursuant to §  
 131 32.1-283.2, those portions of meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by family violence  
 132 fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.3, those portions of meetings in which individual  
 133 adult death cases are discussed by the state Adult Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.5,  
 134 those portions of meetings in which individual adult death cases are discussed by a local or regional adult  
 135 fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.6, those portions of meetings in which individual  
 136 death cases are discussed by overdose fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.7, those  
 137 portions of meetings in which individual maternal death cases are discussed by the Maternal Mortality  
 138 Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8, and those portions of meetings in which individual death cases of  
 139 persons with developmental disabilities are discussed by the Developmental Disabilities Mortality Review  
 140 Committee established pursuant to § 37.2-314.1.

141 22. Those portions of meetings of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia or Old Dominion  
 142 University, as the case may be, and those portions of meetings of any persons to whom management  
 143 responsibilities for the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center  
 144 at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, have been delegated, in which there is discussed proprietary,  
 145 business-related information pertaining to the operations of the University of Virginia Medical Center or the  
 146 Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, including business  
 147 development or marketing strategies and activities with existing or future joint venturers, partners, or other  
 148 parties with whom the University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center  
 149 at Old Dominion University, as the case may be, has formed, or forms, any arrangement for the delivery of  
 150 health care, if disclosure of such information would adversely affect the competitive position of the  
 151 University of Virginia Medical Center or the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion  
 152 University, as the case may be.

153 23. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority or  
 154 the board of visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University of any of the following: the acquisition or  
 155 disposition by the Authority of real property, equipment, or technology software or hardware and related  
 156 goods or services, where disclosure would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of  
 157 the Authority; matters relating to gifts or bequests to, and fund-raising activities of, the Authority; grants and  
 158 contracts for services or work to be performed by the Authority; marketing or operational strategies plans of  
 159 the Authority where disclosure of such strategies or plans would adversely affect the competitive position of  
 160 the Authority; and members of the Authority's medical and teaching staffs and qualifications for  
 161 appointments thereto.

162 24. Those portions of the meetings of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee within the  
 163 Department of Health Professions to the extent such discussions identify any practitioner who may be, or who  
 164 actually is, impaired pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

165 25. Meetings or portions of meetings of the Board of the Commonwealth Savers Plan wherein personal  
 166 information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, which has been provided to the Board or its employees by or on behalf  
 167 of individuals who have requested information about, applied for, or entered into prepaid tuition contracts or  
 168 savings trust account agreements pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1 is discussed.

169 26. Discussion or consideration, by the former Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee  
 170 created pursuant to former § 56-484.15, of trade secrets submitted by CMRS providers, as defined in §  
 171 56-484.12, related to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

172 27. Those portions of disciplinary proceedings by any regulatory board within the Department of  
 173 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Health Professions, or the Board of Accountancy  
 174 conducted pursuant to § 2.2-4019 or 2.2-4020 during which the board deliberates to reach a decision or  
 175 meetings of health regulatory boards or conference committees of such boards to consider settlement  
 176 proposals in pending disciplinary actions or modifications to previously issued board orders as requested by  
 177 either of the parties.

178 28. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.6  
 179 by a responsible public entity or an affected locality or public entity, as those terms are defined in §  
 180 33.2-1800, or any independent review panel appointed to review information and advise the responsible  
 181 public entity concerning such records.

182 29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including  
 183 interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in

184 an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

185 30. Discussion or consideration of grant or loan application information subject to the exclusion in  
186 subdivision 17 of § 2.2-3705.6 by the Commonwealth Health Research Board.

187 31. Discussion or consideration by the Commitment Review Committee of information subject to the  
188 exclusion in subdivision 5 of § 2.2-3705.2 relating to individuals subject to commitment as sexually violent  
189 predators under Chapter 9 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2.

190 32. Discussion or consideration of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets developed and  
191 held by a local public body providing certain telecommunication services or cable television services and  
192 subject to the exclusion in subdivision 18 of § 2.2-3705.6. However, the exemption provided by this  
193 subdivision shall not apply to any authority created pursuant to the BVU Authority Act (§ 15.2-7200 et seq.).

194 33. Discussion or consideration by a local authority created in accordance with the Virginia Wireless  
195 Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 et seq.) of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets  
196 subject to the exclusion in subdivision 19 of § 2.2-3705.6.

197 34. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting security  
198 matters made confidential pursuant to § ~~24.2-410.2~~ 24.2-407.2 or 24.2-625.1.

199 35. Discussion or consideration by the Forensic Science Board or the Scientific Advisory Committee  
200 created pursuant to Article 2 (§ 9.1-1109 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 9.1 of criminal investigative files.

201 36. Discussion or consideration by the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee of  
202 information or confidential matters subject to the exclusion in subdivision A 3 of § 2.2-3705.4, and meetings  
203 of the Committee to deliberate concerning the annual maximum scholarship award, review and consider  
204 scholarship applications and requests for scholarship award renewal, and cancel, rescind, or recover  
205 scholarship awards.

206 37. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Port Authority of information subject to the exclusion in  
207 subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain proprietary information gathered by or for the Virginia Port  
208 Authority.

209 38. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System acting  
210 pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, by the Investment Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to § 51.1-124.26, by  
211 any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, by the Board of the Commonwealth Savers Plan  
212 acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, or by the Commonwealth Savers Plan's Investment Advisory Committee  
213 appointed pursuant to § 23.1-702 of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.7.

214 39. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 of § 2.2-3705.6  
215 related to economic development.

216 40. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial,  
217 suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

218 41. Those portions of meetings of the Virginia Military Advisory Council or any commission created by  
219 executive order for the purpose of studying and making recommendations regarding preventing closure or  
220 realignment of federal military and national security installations and facilities located in Virginia and  
221 relocation of such facilities to Virginia, or a local or regional military affairs organization appointed by a  
222 local governing body, during which there is discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision  
223 8 of § 2.2-3705.2.

224 42. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation of  
225 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.7 related to personally identifiable  
226 information of donors.

227 43. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission of  
228 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 23 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain information contained  
229 in grant applications.

230 44. Discussion or consideration by the board of directors of the Commercial Space Flight Authority of  
231 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to rate structures or charges for  
232 the use of projects of, the sale of products of, or services rendered by the Authority and certain proprietary  
233 information of a private entity provided to the Authority.

234 45. Discussion or consideration of personal and proprietary information related to the resource  
235 management plan program and subject to the exclusion in (i) subdivision 25 of § 2.2-3705.6 or (ii) subsection  
236 E of § 10.1-104.7. This exclusion shall not apply to the discussion or consideration of records that contain  
237 information that has been certified for release by the person who is the subject of the information or  
238 transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow identification of the person who supplied,  
239 or is the subject of, the information.

240 46. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control  
241 Authority of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3 related to investigations of  
242 applicants for licenses and permits and of licensees and permittees.

243 47. Discussion or consideration of grant, loan, or investment application records subject to the exclusion  
244 in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.6 for a grant, loan, or investment pursuant to Article 11 (§ 2.2-2351 et seq.)  
245 of Chapter 22.

246 48. Discussion or development of grant proposals by a regional council established pursuant to Article 26  
 247 (§ 2.2-2484 et seq.) of Chapter 24 to be submitted for consideration to the Virginia Growth and Opportunity  
 248 Board.

249 49. Discussion or consideration of (i) individual sexual assault cases by a sexual assault response team  
 250 established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.4, (ii) individual child abuse or neglect cases or sex offenses involving a  
 251 child by a child sexual abuse response team established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.5, (iii) individual cases  
 252 involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults as defined in § 63.2-1603 pursuant to §§ 15.2-1627.5 and  
 253 63.2-1605, or (iv) individual human trafficking cases by any human trafficking response team established  
 254 pursuant to § 15.2-1627.6.

255 50. Discussion or consideration by the Board of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership  
 256 Authority, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or any subcommittees thereof, of the portions  
 257 of the strategic plan, marketing plan, or operational plan exempt from disclosure pursuant to subdivision 33  
 258 of § 2.2-3705.7.

259 51. Those portions of meetings of the subcommittee of the Board of the Virginia Economic Development  
 260 Partnership Authority established pursuant to subsection F of § 2.2-2237.3 to review and discuss information  
 261 received from the Virginia Employment Commission pursuant to subdivision C 2 of § 60.2-114 and the  
 262 Department of Workforce Development and Advancement pursuant to subsection B of § 2.2-2040.

263 52. Discussion or consideration by the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (the  
 264 Authority), an advisory committee of the Authority, or any other entity designated by the Authority, of  
 265 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 35 of § 2.2-3705.7.

266 53. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4105 regarding the denial or  
 267 revocation of a license of a casino gaming operator, or the refusal to issue, suspension of, or revocation of  
 268 any license or permit related to casino gaming, and discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to  
 269 investigations excluded from mandatory disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

270 54. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in an appeal conducted pursuant to § 58.1-4007 regarding  
 271 the denial of, revocation of, suspension of, or refusal to renew any license or permit related to sports betting  
 272 and any discussion, consideration, or review of matters related to investigations excluded from mandatory  
 273 disclosure under subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3.

274 55. Meetings or portions of meetings of the Board of Criminal Justice Services or the Department of  
 275 Criminal Justice Services concerning the decertification of an identifiable law-enforcement or jail officer.

276 B. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation or motion adopted, passed or agreed to in a closed  
 277 meeting shall become effective unless the public body, following the meeting, reconvenes in open meeting  
 278 and takes a vote of the membership on such resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion that  
 279 shall have its substance reasonably identified in the open meeting.

280 C. Public officers improperly selected due to the failure of the public body to comply with the other  
 281 provisions of this section shall be de facto officers and, as such, their official actions are valid until they  
 282 obtain notice of the legal defect in their election.

283 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the holding of conferences between two or more  
 284 public bodies, or their representatives, but these conferences shall be subject to the same procedures for  
 285 holding closed meetings as are applicable to any other public body.

286 E. This section shall not be construed to (i) require the disclosure of any contract between the Department  
 287 of Health Professions and an impaired practitioner entered into pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.)  
 288 of Title 54.1 or (ii) require the board of directors of any authority created pursuant to the Industrial  
 289 Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), or any public body empowered to issue industrial  
 290 revenue bonds by general or special law, to identify a business or industry to which subdivision A 5 applies.  
 291 However, such business or industry shall be identified as a matter of public record at least 30 days prior to the  
 292 actual date of the board's authorization of the sale or issuance of such bonds.

293 **§ 24.2-401. Persons moving from precinct.**

294 A person who is qualified to vote except for having moved his residence from one precinct to another  
 295 within the Commonwealth may vote in the precinct from which he has moved in the following November  
 296 general election and any intervening election unless his registration has been transferred or ~~cancelled~~  
 297 ~~cancelled~~ as provided in this chapter. In addition, a person may continue to vote in the precinct from which he  
 298 has moved through the ensuing second general election for federal office, provided that (i) he has moved his  
 299 residence from one precinct to another in the same registrar's jurisdiction and the same congressional district;  
 300 (ii) he has failed to respond to the notice provided in § ~~24.2-428~~ 24.2-410.4; (iii) his registration has not been  
 301 transferred or ~~cancelled~~ ~~cancelled~~ as provided in this chapter; and (iv) he has affirmed orally or in writing his  
 302 new address before an officer of election at the polling place.

303 **§ 24.2-404. Duties of Department of Elections.**

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

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

307 1. Maintain a complete, separate, and accurate record of all registered voters in the Commonwealth. Such

308 system shall automatically register a person who has preregistered pursuant to § 24.2-403.1 upon that person  
309 becoming eligible for registration under § 24.2-403 or reaching 18 years of age, whichever comes first. Such  
310 system shall also assign a unique identifier to each voter registered in the system.

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

313 3. Provide to each general registrar voter confirmation documents for newly registered voters, including  
314 voters who were automatically registered pursuant to subdivision 1, and for notice to registered voters on the  
315 system of changes and corrections in their registration records and polling places.

316 4. Require the general registrars to delete from the record of registered voters the name of any voter who  
317 (i) is deceased, (ii) is no longer qualified to vote in the county or city where he is registered due to removal of  
318 his residence, (iii) has been convicted of a felony, (iv) has been adjudicated incapacitated, (v) is known not to  
319 be a United States citizen by reason of reports from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to §  
320 24.2-410.1 or from the Department of Elections based on information received from the Systematic Alien  
321 Verification for Entitlements Program (SAVE Program) pursuant to subsection E, or (vi) is otherwise no  
322 longer qualified to vote as may be provided by law. ~~Such action shall be taken no later than 30 days after~~  
323 ~~notification from the Department. The Department shall promptly provide the information referred to in this~~  
324 ~~subdivision, upon receiving it, to general registrars.~~

325 5. ~~Retain~~ *Create a cancellation record, or direct the general registrars to create a record, to be retained*  
326 *on the system for at least four years a separate record, for each registered voters voter whose names have*  
327 *been deleted registration is canceled, with the reason for deletion cancellation. In accordance with the*  
328 *Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) and 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i), such cancellation*  
329 *records shall be made available for public inspection and copying.*

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

332 7. Provide to each general registrar, at least 16 days prior to a general or primary election and three days  
333 prior to a special election, an alphabetical list of all registered voters in each precinct or portion of a precinct  
334 in which the election is being held in the county, city, or town. These precinct lists shall be used as the  
335 official lists of qualified voters and shall constitute the pollbooks. The Department shall provide instructions  
336 for the division of the pollbooks and precinct lists into sections to accommodate the efficient processing of  
337 voter lines at the polls. Prior to any general, primary, or special election, the Department shall provide any  
338 general registrar, upon his request, with a separate electronic list of all registered voters in the registrar's  
339 county or city. If electronic pollbooks are used in the locality or electronic voter registration inquiry devices  
340 are used in precincts in the locality, the Department shall provide a regional or statewide list of registered  
341 voters to the general registrar of the locality. The Department shall determine whether regional or statewide  
342 data is provided. Neither the pollbook nor the regional or statewide list of registered voters shall include the  
343 day and month of birth of the voter, but shall include the voter's year of birth.

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

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

350 10. ~~Cooperate~~ *In accordance with the provisions of § 24.2-410.3, cooperate with other states and*  
351 *jurisdictions to develop systems to compare voters, voter history, and voter registration lists to ensure the*  
352 *accuracy of the voter registration rolls, to identify voters whose addresses have changed, to prevent*  
353 *duplication of registration in more than one state or jurisdiction, and to determine eligibility of individuals to*  
354 *vote in Virginia.*

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

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

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

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

367 E. The Department shall apply to participate in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements  
368 Program (SAVE Program) operated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the U.S. Department of  
369 Homeland Security for the purposes of verifying that voters listed in the Virginia voter registration system are

370 United States citizens. Upon approval of the application, the Department shall enter into any required  
 371 memorandum of agreement with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The State Board shall  
 372 promulgate rules and regulations governing the use of the immigration status and citizenship status  
 373 information received from the SAVE Program.

374 F. The Department shall report annually by October 1 for the preceding 12 months ending August 31 to  
 375 the Committees on Privileges and Elections on each of its activities undertaken to maintain the Virginia voter  
 376 registration system and the results of those activities. The Department's report shall be governed by the  
 377 provisions of § 2.2-608 and shall encompass activities undertaken pursuant to subdivisions A 9 and 10 and  
 378 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,  
 379 24.2-410.1, 24.2-427, and 24.2-428. This report shall contain the methodology used in gathering and  
 380 analyzing the data. The Commissioner of Elections shall certify that the data included in the report is accurate  
 381 and reliable.

382 **§ 24.2-407.2. Security of the Virginia voter registration system.**

383 A. The State Board shall promulgate regulations and standards necessary to ensure the security and  
 384 integrity of the Virginia voter registration system and the supporting technologies utilized by the counties and  
 385 cities to maintain and record registrant information. The State Board shall, in consultation with  
 386 representatives of local government information technology professionals and general registrars, update the  
 387 security standards at least annually. Such review shall be completed by November 30 of each year.

388 B. The electoral board of each county and city that utilizes supporting technologies to maintain and  
 389 record registrant information shall develop and annually update written plans and procedures to ensure the  
 390 security and integrity of those supporting technologies. All plans and procedures shall be in compliance with  
 391 the security standards established by the State Board pursuant to subsection A. Each electoral board shall  
 392 report annually by March 1 to the Department of Elections on its security plans and procedures. The general  
 393 registrar and the Department of Elections shall provide assistance to the electoral board, upon request by the  
 394 electoral board.

395 C. In accordance with the process prescribed by the State Board, the Department of Elections may limit  
 396 access to the Virginia voter registration system by any county or city that has failed to comply with the  
 397 provisions of subsection B or the security standards established by the State Board pursuant to subsection A.  
 398 Such access shall be limited as necessary in order to address and resolve any security risks or to enforce  
 399 compliance with the provisions of subsection B or the security standards established by the State Board.  
 400 Prior to restricting access to the Virginia voter registration system by any county or city, the Department of  
 401 Elections shall provide notice to the county or city of the failure to comply with the provisions of subsection A  
 402 or B and the county or city shall have seven days to correct any deficiencies. The Department of Elections  
 403 may provide technical assistance to any county or city upon request by the county or city.

404 D. Records of the State Board or of a local electoral board, to the extent such records describe protocols  
 405 for maintaining the security of the Virginia voter registration system and the supporting technologies utilized  
 406 to maintain and record registrant information, the release of which would compromise the security of the  
 407 Virginia voter registration system, shall be confidential and excluded from inspection and copying under the  
 408 Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).

409 E. The State Board or a local electoral board may hold a closed meeting pursuant to the provisions of the  
 410 Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) for the purpose of discussing protocols for  
 411 maintaining the security of the Virginia voter registration system and the supporting technologies utilized to  
 412 maintain and record registrant information, where discussion of such matters in open meeting would  
 413 compromise the security of the Virginia voter registration system. Nothing in this subsection shall be  
 414 construed to authorize a closed meeting to discuss any breach of security of the Virginia voter registration  
 415 system.

416 F. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the release of information concerning any breach  
 417 of security of the Virginia voter registration system.

418 **Article 2.1.**

419 **List Maintenance.**

420 **§ 24.2-407.3. Duty of Department of Elections; list maintenance activities; annual review; report.**

421 A. Upon receipt of any list, record, or other information provided pursuant to this article, the Department  
 422 shall compare the contents of such list or record to the list of all registered voters maintained on the voter  
 423 registration system and determine the confidence score in accordance with subsection B for any match of a  
 424 registration record with information on the list or record received.

425 B. When comparing a registration record with information on a list or record received pursuant to this  
 426 article, the Department shall determine the confidence score for any match by adding points for information  
 427 matches based on the following criteria:

- 428 1. A match of the full Social Security number: 50 points.
- 429 2. A match of the last four digits of the Social Security number: 10 points.
- 430 3. A match of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles customer identifier number: 40 points.
- 431 4. A match of the date of birth: 25 points.

- 432 5. A match of the last name: 15 points.  
 433 6. A match of the first name: 15 points.  
 434 7. A match of the middle name: 5 points.  
 435 8. A match of a suffix: 5 points.  
 436 9. A match of the residence address: 10 points.  
 437 10. A match of the zip code: 5 points.

438 C. The Department shall transmit to the appropriate general registrar a voter's registration record only if  
 439 the match has a confidence score of at least 80. The general registrars shall use the information received  
 440 pursuant to this subsection to carry out their duties in accordance with § 24.2-427.

441 D. The Department shall conduct an annual review of all sources of data utilized pursuant to this article  
 442 for list maintenance activities in the preceding 12-month period for the purpose of determining the validity,  
 443 completeness, accuracy, and reliability of the data received from each source. The results of such review,  
 444 including the methodology used to analyze and determine accuracy and reliability, shall be included in the  
 445 Department's report required pursuant to subsection E.

446 E. The Department shall report annually by August 1 for the preceding 12 months ending June 30 to the  
 447 House and Senate Committees on Privileges and Elections on each of its activities undertaken to maintain the  
 448 Virginia voter registration system and the results of those activities. The Department's report shall be  
 449 governed by the provisions of § 2.2-608 and shall encompass activities undertaken pursuant to this article  
 450 and Article 5 (§ 24.2-426.1 et seq.). This report shall contain the methodology used in gathering and  
 451 analyzing the data. The Commissioner of Elections shall certify that the data included in the report is  
 452 accurate and reliable.

453 **§ 24.2-408. Lists of deceased voters; State Registrar of Vital Records; Social Security**  
 454 **Administration.**

455 A. The State Registrar of Vital Records shall transmit to the Department of Elections by electronic means  
 456 a weekly list of all persons 17 years of age or older who have died in the Commonwealth subsequent to its  
 457 previous weekly list. The lists shall be in a format specified by the Department and shall contain ~~the~~  
 458 ~~deceased's name; address; county, city, or town of residence; social security number, if any; and date and~~  
 459 ~~place of his birth and of his death, at a minimum, the following identification information for each person~~  
 460 ~~included on the list: (i) his last name, including any other last name used; (ii) his first name, including any~~  
 461 ~~other name used; (iii) his middle name or initial; (iv) his date and place of birth; (v) his social security~~  
 462 ~~number, if any; (vi) his Department of Motor Vehicles customer identifier number, if any; (vii) his last known~~  
 463 ~~address of residence, including the county, city, or town; and (viii) his date and place of death.~~

464 B. On or before July 1 of each year, the Department shall conduct a match of the Virginia registered voter  
 465 lists with the list of deceased persons maintained by the Social Security Administration.

466 C. The Department shall compare the contents of such lists to identify record matches in accordance with  
 467 § 24.2-407.3, and the general registrars shall have access to the information in the lists necessary to carry  
 468 out their duties pursuant to § 24.2-427. The Department shall maintain a permanent record of the information  
 469 in the lists as part of the voter registration system; ~~and the general registrars shall use the information in the~~  
 470 ~~lists to carry out their duties pursuant to § 24.2-427.~~ Information in the lists shall be confidential and  
 471 consistent with the requirements of § 32.1-271.

472 **§ 24.2-409. Lists of persons convicted of felonies; Central Criminal Records Exchange.**

473 ~~The~~ A. Each month, the Central Criminal Records Exchange shall transmit to the Department of Elections  
 474 by electronic means ~~(i) a monthly~~ a list of all persons convicted of a felony during the preceding month ~~and~~  
 475 ~~(ii) an annual list of all persons who have been convicted of a felony, regardless of when the conviction~~  
 476 ~~occurred.~~ The list shall be in a format mutually agreed upon by the Commissioner of Elections and the  
 477 Department of State Police and shall contain ~~the convicted person's name; address; county, city, or town of~~  
 478 ~~residence; social security number, if any; date and place of birth; and date of conviction, at a minimum, the~~  
 479 ~~following identification information for each person included on the list: (i) his last name, including any~~  
 480 ~~other last name used; (ii) his first name, including any other name used; (iii) his middle name or initial; (iv)~~  
 481 ~~his date and place of birth; (v) his social security number, if any; (vi) his Department of Motor Vehicles~~  
 482 ~~customer identifier number, if any; (vii) his last known address of residence, including the county, city, or~~  
 483 ~~town; and (viii) the offenses for which he was convicted and the date of conviction for each.~~ ~~The Department~~  
 484 ~~shall maintain a permanent record of the information in the lists as part of the voter registration system.~~

485 B. Upon receipt of the monthly list, the Department shall compare; ~~on a monthly basis;~~ the contents of the  
 486 list to the list of all registered voters maintained on the voter registration system ~~and shall notify the~~  
 487 ~~appropriate general registrar of the felony conviction of any registered voter to identify record matches in~~  
 488 ~~accordance with § 24.2-407.3. The general registrars shall have access to the information in the lists~~  
 489 ~~necessary to carry out their duties pursuant to § 24.2-427.~~

490 C. On or before July 1 of each year, the Central Criminal Records Exchange shall transmit to the  
 491 Department of Elections by electronic means a list of all persons convicted of a felony, regardless of when  
 492 the conviction occurred. The list shall be in a format mutually agreed upon by the Commissioner of Elections  
 493 and the Department of State Police and shall contain, at a minimum, the information required in clauses (i)



494 through (viii) of subsection A for monthly lists. Upon receipt of the annual list, the Department shall compare  
495 the contents of the list to the list of all registered voters maintained on the voter registration system and shall  
496 notify the appropriate general registrar of the felony conviction of any registered voter to identify record  
497 matches in accordance with § 24.2-407.3. The general registrars shall have access to the information in the  
498 lists necessary to carry out their duties pursuant to § 24.2-427.

499 D. The Department shall maintain as part of the voter registration system a permanent record of the  
500 information in the lists received pursuant to this section.

501 **§ 24.2-410. Lists of certain adjudications; clerks of circuit court.**

502 The A. Each month, the clerk of each circuit court shall furnish monthly transmit to the Department of  
503 Elections by electronic means a complete list of all persons who have been adjudicated incapacitated pursuant  
504 to Chapter 20 (§ 64.2-2000 et seq.) of Title 64.2 or whose incapacity has been recognized pursuant to §  
505 64.2-2115, and therefore "mentally incompetent" for purposes of this title unless the court order specifically  
506 provides otherwise, during the preceding month or. If no such adjudications have occurred that month, the  
507 clerk shall transmit to the Department instead a statement that no adjudications have occurred that month.  
508 The list shall contain, at a minimum, the following identification information for each such person's person  
509 included on the list: (i) his last name, including any other last name used; (ii) his first name, including any  
510 other name used; (iii) his middle name or initial; (iv) his last known address of residence, including the  
511 county, city, or town of residence; (v) his social security number, if any; (vi) his Department of Motor  
512 Vehicles customer identifier number, if any; (vii) his date and place of birth; and (viii) the date of his  
513 adjudication. The Commissioner of Elections and the Executive Secretary shall determine the procedure for  
514 furnishing such lists, which may be by electronic means.

515 B. Upon receipt of the monthly list, the Department shall compare the contents of the list to the list of all  
516 registered voters maintained on the voter registration system to identify record matches in accordance with §  
517 24.2-407.3. The general registrars shall have access to the information in the lists necessary to carry out  
518 their duties pursuant to § 24.2-427.

519 C. The Department shall transmit maintain as part of the voter registration system a permanent record of  
520 the information from the list to the appropriate general registrars in the lists received pursuant to this section.

521 **§ 24.2-410.1. Lists of noncitizens; Department of Motor Vehicles.**

522 A. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall include on the application for any document, or renewal  
523 thereof, issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of Title 46.2 a statement asking  
524 the applicant if he is a United States citizen. Information on citizenship status shall not be a determinative  
525 factor for the issuance of any document pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of Title  
526 46.2.

527 B. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall furnish monthly to the Department of Elections a complete list  
528 of all persons who have indicated a noncitizen status to the Department of Motor Vehicles in obtaining any  
529 document, or renewal thereof, issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of Title  
530 46.2. Such list shall contain, at a minimum, the following identification information for each person included  
531 on the list: (i) his last name, including any other last name used; (ii) his first name, including any other name  
532 used; (iii) his middle name or initial; (iv) his date and place of birth; (v) his social security number, if any;  
533 (vi) his Department of Motor Vehicles customer identifier number, if any; and (vii) his last known address of  
534 residence, including the county, city, or town.

535 The C. Upon receipt of the monthly list, the Department of Elections shall transmit the information from  
536 the list to the appropriate compare the contents of the list to the list of all registered voters maintained on the  
537 voter registration system to identify record matches in accordance with § 24.2-407.3. The general registrars  
538 shall have access to the information in the lists necessary to carry out their duties pursuant to § 24.2-427.  
539 Information in the lists shall be confidential and available only for official use by the Department of Elections  
540 and general registrars.

541 B- D. For the purposes of this section, the Department of Motor Vehicles is not responsible for verifying  
542 the claim of any applicant who indicates United States citizen status when applying for any document, or  
543 renewal thereof, issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3 (§ 46.2-300 et seq.) of Title 46.2.

544 **§ 24.2-410.3. Exchange of registered voter lists with other states.**

545 A. The Department of Elections shall (i) request voter registration information and lists of persons voting  
546 at primaries and elections, if available, from the states bordering the Commonwealth and (ii) utilize data  
547 regarding voter registration and lists of persons voting at primaries and elections received through list  
548 comparisons with other states in order to identify duplicate registrations, voters who no longer reside in the  
549 Commonwealth, and other persons who are no longer entitled to be registered as part of its duty to maintain  
550 the overall accuracy of the voter registration system.

551 B. The Department shall compare the data received pursuant to subsection A with the state voter  
552 registration list to identify record matches in accordance with § 24.2-407.3. The Department shall include in  
553 its report to the House and Senate Committees on Privileges and Elections, required by § 24.2-407.3, the  
554 progress of activities conducted under this section, including the number of duplicate registrations found to  
555 exist and the procedures that the Department and general registrars are following to eliminate duplicate

556 registrations from the Virginia registered voter lists.

557 C. The Department shall not utilize any data received pursuant to subsection A for list maintenance  
 558 purposes when such data file does not include a unique identifier for each individual whose information is  
 559 contained in the data file. For purposes of this subsection, a "unique identifier" means an individual's full  
 560 social security number or Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles customer identifier number, or any data  
 561 field or combination of data fields that can be reliably linked to a single individual.

562 **§ 24.2-410.4. Regular periodic review of registration records; confirmation notification process.**

563 A. In accordance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. § 20501 et seq.), the  
 564 Department of Elections shall establish a voter list maintenance program using the change of address  
 565 information supplied by the United States Postal Service through its licensees, or by other reliable sources, to  
 566 identify voters whose addresses may have changed. Any such program shall be regular and periodic and  
 567 shall be conducted at least annually. The program shall be completed not later than 90 days prior to the date  
 568 of a federal primary or federal general election.

569 B. If it appears from information provided by the United States Postal Service or by other reliable sources  
 570 that a voter has moved to a different address in the same county or city in which the voter is currently  
 571 registered, the Department shall provide to the general registrar the information necessary to change the  
 572 registration records to show the new address, and the Department or the general registrar shall send to the  
 573 new address of the voter by forwardable mail a notice of the change, along with a postage prepaid, pre-  
 574 addressed return card by which the voter may verify or correct the address information.

575 C. If it appears from information provided by the United States Postal Service or by other reliable sources  
 576 that a voter has moved to a different address not in the same county or city, the Department or the general  
 577 registrar shall send to the last known address of the voter by forwardable mail a notice on a form prescribed  
 578 by the Department, along with a postage prepaid and pre-addressed return card on which the voter may  
 579 verify or correct the address information or state his current address.

580 D. The registered voter shall complete and sign the return card subject to felony penalties for making  
 581 false statements pursuant to § 24.2-1016 and shall return such card to the general registrar within 30 days of  
 582 it being sent.

583 E. The general registrar shall correct his registration records from the information obtained from the  
 584 return card. If the information indicates that the registered voter has moved to another general registrar's  
 585 jurisdiction within the Commonwealth, the general registrar shall transfer the registration record, along with  
 586 the return card, to the appropriate general registrar who shall treat the request for a change of address as a  
 587 request for transfer and shall send a voter registration card as confirmation of the transfer to the voter  
 588 pursuant to § 24.2-424.

589 **§ 24.2-410.5. Placement on inactive status; other initiating events for confirmation notification process.**

590 A. If a registered voter who has been sent a return card pursuant to § 24.2-410.4 does not return such  
 591 card within 30 days of it being sent to the voter, the registered voter's name shall be placed on inactive status.  
 592 A registered voter's failure to receive the notice shall not affect the validity of the inactivation.

593 B. The general registrars shall follow the confirmation notification process set forth in § 24.2-410.4 if:

594 1. A registered voter provides an address on a candidate or referendum petition that differs from the  
 595 address for the voter on the voter registration system; or

596 2. Any of the following documents were sent to a registered voter and are returned by the United States  
 597 Postal Service as undeliverable:

598 a. An acknowledgment of registration;

599 b. An acknowledgment of transfer to a new address;

600 c. An absentee ballot or application for an absentee ballot sent or provided in accordance with Chapter 7  
 601 (§ 24.2-700 et seq.);

602 d. Notification to a voter after a precinct reassignment;

603 e. Notification of a change of address sent to a voter in accordance with subsection B of § 24.2-410.4; or

604 f. Any official voter registration or election mail.

605 **§ 24.2-410.6. Return of registered voter to active status; cancellation after period of inactivity.**

606 A. In accordance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. § 20501 et seq.), a  
 607 registered voter shall be returned to active status from inactive status if, during the period beginning on the  
 608 date the voter was assigned to inactive status and ending on the day of the second general election for federal  
 609 office thereafter, the voter:

610 1. Notifies the general registrar of a change of address within the county or city;

611 2. Responds to a confirmation notice with information that the voter continues to reside at the registration  
 612 address;

613 3. Votes or attempts to vote in a primary or a special or general election and, if necessary, corrects the  
 614 registration record; or

615 4. Transfers his registration to another county or city within the Commonwealth pursuant to § 24.2-424  
 616 or subsection E of § 24.2-410.4.

617 B. In accordance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. § 20501 et seq.), a

618 registered voter assigned inactive status shall have his voter registration canceled if, during the period  
 619 beginning on the date the voter was assigned to inactive status and ending on the day of the second general  
 620 election for federal office thereafter, the voter fails to take an action set out in subdivisions A 1 through 4.

621 C. The general registrar shall post at the courthouse or have published in a newspaper of general  
 622 circulation in his county or city a list of names of persons whose registration has been canceled pursuant to  
 623 this section. The general registrar shall deliver or mail, obtaining a certificate of mailing, a certified copy of  
 624 the list to the chairman of each political party in his county or city.

625 **§ 24.2-426.1. Cancellation of registration by voter.**

626 A. Any registered voter may cancel his registration by submitting to the general registrar a written  
 627 authorization, signed by the voter, that his voter registration shall be canceled. Such cancellation  
 628 authorization shall be made at least 22 days prior to an election in order to be valid in that election, unless  
 629 such cancellation authorization is made in person or notarized. Within 10 days of receiving such  
 630 authorization, the general registrar shall acknowledge receipt of the authorization and advise the voter by  
 631 first-class mail, or in person if such authorization is made in person, that his registration has been canceled.

632 B. Notice received by a general registrar from the registration official of another jurisdiction, or signed  
 633 by the voter, that a registered voter has moved from the Commonwealth or that the registered voter has  
 634 registered to vote outside the Commonwealth subsequent to his registration in the Commonwealth shall be  
 635 considered a written authorization from the voter to have his registration canceled. Information received  
 636 through a list exchange or list comparison pursuant to § 24.2-410.3 shall not be deemed to be notice for  
 637 purposes of this subsection.

638 **§ 24.2-427. Cancellation of registration for persons known to be deceased or disqualified to vote.**

639 A. Any registered voter may cancel his registration and have his name removed from the central  
 640 registration records by signing an authorization for cancellation and mailing or otherwise submitting the  
 641 signed authorization to the general registrar. When submitted by any means other than when notarized or in  
 642 person, such cancellation must be made at least 22 days prior to an election in order to be valid in that  
 643 election. The general registrar shall acknowledge receipt of the authorization and advise the voter in person or  
 644 by first-class mail that his registration has been canceled within 10 days of receipt of such authorization.

645 B. The general registrar shall promptly cancel the registration of (i) all persons known by him to be  
 646 deceased; (ii) all persons known by him to be disqualified to vote by reason of a felony conviction or  
 647 adjudication of incapacity; (iii) all persons known by him not to be United States citizens by reason of reports  
 648 from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 24.2-410.1 or from the Department of Elections based  
 649 on information received from the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program (SAVE Program)  
 650 pursuant to subsection E of § 24.2-404 and in accordance with the requirements of subsection C; (iv) all  
 651 persons for whom a notice has been received, signed by the voter, or from the registration official of another  
 652 jurisdiction that the voter has moved from the Commonwealth; and (v) all persons for whom a notice has  
 653 been received, signed by the voter, or from the registration official of another jurisdiction that the voter has  
 654 registered to vote outside the Commonwealth, subsequent to his registration in Virginia or disqualified to  
 655 vote in accordance with the provisions of this section. A voter's registration may be canceled at any time  
 656 during the year in which the general registrar discovers that the person is no longer entitled to be registered.  
 657 The general registrar shall provide notice of any cancellation to the person whose registration is canceled,  
 658 by mail to the address listed in the voter's registration record and by email to the email address provided on  
 659 the voter's registration application, if one was provided. The notice received in clauses (iv) and (v) shall be  
 660 considered as a written request from the voter to have his registration cancelled. A voter's registration may be  
 661 cancelled at any time during the year in which the general registrar discovers that the person is no longer  
 662 entitled to be registered. The general registrar shall provide notice of any cancellation to the person whose  
 663 registration is cancelled, by mail to the address listed in the voter's registration record and by email to the  
 664 email address provided on the voter's registration application, if one was provided.

665 C. ~~The B.~~ Upon receipt of a list of deceased persons from the Department pursuant to subsection C of §  
 666 24.2-408, the general registrar shall mail notice promptly to the physical and email registration addresses of  
 667 all persons listed prior to cancelling the registrations of such persons. The notice shall inform the recipient of  
 668 the reports from the State Registrar of Vital Records and the Social Security Administration and allow the  
 669 recipient, if he is the same voter identified by the list as deceased, to submit his sworn statement that he has  
 670 been identified as deceased in error within 14 days of the date that the notice was mailed. The general  
 671 registrar shall cancel the registrations of such voters who do not respond within 14 days to the notice that a  
 672 voter registered at that address was identified as deceased.

673 C. Upon receipt of a report from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 24.2-410.1 or from the  
 674 Department of Elections based on information received from the Systematic Alien Verification for  
 675 Entitlements Program (SAVE Program) pursuant to subsection E of § 24.2-404, the general registrar shall  
 676 mail notice promptly to all persons known by him not to be listed in the report as not being a citizen of the  
 677 United States citizens by reason of a report from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 24.2-410.1  
 678 or from the Department of Elections based on information received from the Systematic Alien Verification  
 679 for Entitlements Program (SAVE Program) pursuant to subsection E of § 24.2-404 prior to cancelling their

680 *the registrations of such persons.* The notice shall inform the person of the report from the Department of  
 681 Motor Vehicles or from the Department of Elections and allow the person to submit his sworn statement that  
 682 he is a United States citizen within 14 days of the date that the notice was mailed. The general registrar shall  
 683 cancel the registrations of such persons who do not respond within 14 days to the notice that they have been  
 684 reported not to be United States citizens.

685 D. ~~The~~ *Upon receipt of notice from the Department of Elections pursuant to § 24.2-409 that a registered*  
 686 *voter has been convicted of a felony, the general registrar shall (i) process the Department's most recent list of*  
 687 *persons convicted of felonies within 21 to 14 days before any primary or general election, (ii) cancel the*  
 688 *registration of any registered voter shown to have been convicted of a felony who has not provided evidence*  
 689 *that his right to vote has been restored, and (iii) send prompt notice to the person of the cancellation of his*  
 690 *registration. If it appears that any registered voter has made a false statement on his registration application*  
 691 *with respect to his having been convicted of a felony, the general registrar shall report the fact to the attorney*  
 692 *for the Commonwealth for prosecution under § 24.2-1016 for a false statement made on his registration*  
 693 *application mail notice promptly to the registered voter prior to cancelling such person's registration. The*  
 694 *notice shall inform the person of the report from the Central Criminal Records Exchange and allow the*  
 695 *person to submit his sworn statement that he has not been convicted of a felony or that, if having been*  
 696 *convicted of a felony, his right to vote has been restored. Such statement shall be submitted to the general*  
 697 *registrar within 14 days of the date that the notice was mailed and the registrar shall cancel the registration*  
 698 *of any such person who does not respond within such time.*

699 E. ~~The~~ *Upon receipt of a list of persons adjudicated incapacitated from the Department pursuant to*  
 700 *subsection B of § 24.2-410, the general registrar shall mail notice promptly to the physical and email*  
 701 *registration addresses of all persons listed prior to cancelling the registrations of such persons. The notice*  
 702 *shall inform the recipient of the notice from the circuit court and allow the recipient, within 14 days of the*  
 703 *date that the notice was mailed, if he is the same voter identified by the notice, to submit his sworn statement*  
 704 *that he has never been adjudicated incapacitated, or that, if having been adjudicated incapacitated, the court*  
 705 *order declaring his incapacity provided that his right to vote was not to be revoked or that his right to vote*  
 706 *was subsequently restored. The general registrar shall cancel the registrations of such voters who do not*  
 707 *respond within 14 days to the notice that a voter registered at that address was identified as having been*  
 708 *adjudicated incapacitated.*

709 F. *Upon receipt of a notice submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with the Driver*  
 710 *License Compact set out in Article 18 (§ 46.2-483 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 46.2 that a registered voter*  
 711 *has moved from the Commonwealth, the general registrar may cancel the registration of any such person for*  
 712 *whom a notice has been submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with the Driver*  
 713 *License Compact set out in Article 18 (§ 46.2-483 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 46.2 and forwarded to the*  
 714 *general registrar, that the voter has moved from the Commonwealth; provided that the. Prior to cancelling a*  
 715 *registration pursuant to this subsection, the general registrar shall mail notice of such cancellation to the*  
 716 *person at both his new address, as reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the address at which he*  
 717 *had most recently been registered in Virginia. No general registrar may cancel registrations under this*  
 718 *authority while the registration records are closed pursuant to § 24.2-416. No registrar may cancel the*  
 719 *registration under this authority subsection of any person entitled to register under the provisions of*  
 720 *subsection A of § 24.2-420.1, and shall reinstate the registration of any otherwise qualified voter covered by*  
 721 *subsection A of § 24.2-420.1 who applies to vote within four years of the date of cancellation.*

722 **§ 24.2-427.1. Cancellation of registration for persons identified by lists exchanged with other states.**

723 A. *The general registrar shall promptly cancel the registration of all persons identified as no longer*  
 724 *residing in the Commonwealth or otherwise no longer being entitled to be registered as part of a data match*  
 725 *program conducted using data collected pursuant to § 24.2-410.3 in accordance with the provisions of this*  
 726 *section. A voter's registration may be canceled at any time (i) during the year in which the general registrar*  
 727 *discovers that the person is no longer entitled to be registered and (ii) that is not later than 90 days prior to*  
 728 *the date of a primary or general election. The general registrar shall provide notice of any cancellation to the*  
 729 *person whose registration is canceled by mail to the address listed in the voter's registration record and by*  
 730 *email to the email address provided on the voter's registration application, if one was provided.*

731 B. *The general registrar shall mail notice promptly to all persons listed prior to cancelling the*  
 732 *registrations of such persons. The notice shall inform the recipient that he has been identified as no longer*  
 733 *residing in the Commonwealth or otherwise no longer being entitled to be registered as part of a data match*  
 734 *program conducted by the Department and allow the person to submit his sworn statement that he is a*  
 735 *resident of the Commonwealth and otherwise eligible to be registered at his registration address within 14*  
 736 *days of the date that the notice was mailed. The general registrar shall cancel the registrations of such voters*  
 737 *who do not respond within 14 days to the notice.*

738 **§ 24.2-435. Records related to cancellation of registration; retention period.**

739 The registration records of voters whose registration has been ~~cancelled~~ *canceled* pursuant to this article  
 740 shall be retained for ~~two~~ *four* years from the date of cancellation by the general registrar. ~~However, the~~  
 741 ~~registration records of voters whose registration has been cancelled because the voter has moved to another~~

742 state or the voter has submitted changes to his registration records shall be retained for four years. The  
 743 cancellation records required by subdivision A 5 of § 24.2-404 shall also be retained for four years from the  
 744 date of cancellation by the general registrar.

745 **§ 24.2-444. Duties of general registrars and Department of Elections as to voter registration**  
 746 **records; public inspection; exceptions.**

747 A. Registration records shall be kept and preserved by the general registrar in compliance with §§  
 748 2.2-3803, 2.2-3808, and 24.2-114. The Department shall provide to each general registrar, for each precinct in  
 749 his county or city, lists of registered voters for inspection. The lists shall contain the name, address, year of  
 750 birth, gender and all election districts applicable to each registered voter. The lists shall be opened to public  
 751 inspection at the office of the general registrar when the office is open for business. New lists shall be  
 752 provided not less than once each year to all localities except those in which an updated list is made available  
 753 electronically for public inspection, and supplements containing additions, deletions, and changes shall be  
 754 provided not less than (i) weekly during the 60 days preceding any general election and (ii) monthly at other  
 755 times. Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding the retention of records, upon receipt of any new  
 756 complete list, the general registrar shall destroy the obsolete list and its supplements. The Department shall  
 757 provide to each general registrar lists of persons denied registration for public inspection. Such lists may be  
 758 provided electronically through the Virginia voter registration system and produced in whole or in part upon  
 759 a request for public inspection.

760 B. The general registrars shall maintain for at least two years and shall make available for public  
 761 inspection and copying and, where available, photocopying at a reasonable cost, all records concerning the  
 762 implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency  
 763 of the registration records pursuant to §§ 24.2-410.4, 24.2-410.5, and 24.2-427; ~~24.2-428 and 24.2-428.1,~~  
 764 including lists of the names and addresses of all persons to whom notices are sent, and information  
 765 concerning whether each person has responded to the notice as of the date that inspection of the records is  
 766 made.

767 C. No list provided by the Department under subsection A nor any record made available for public  
 768 inspection under subsection B shall contain any of the following information: (i) an individual's social  
 769 security number, or any part thereof; (ii) the residence address of an individual who has furnished a post  
 770 office box address in lieu of his residence address as authorized by subsection B of § 24.2-418; (iii) the  
 771 declination by an individual to register to vote and related records; (iv) the identity of a voter registration  
 772 agency through which a particular voter is registered; or (v) the day and month of birth of an individual. No  
 773 voter registration records other than the lists provided by the Department under subsection A and the records  
 774 made available under subsection B shall be open to public inspection.

775 **§ 24.2-703.1. Permanent absentee voter list.**

776 A. Any registered voter shall be eligible to file a special application to receive absentee ballots for all  
 777 elections in which he is eligible to vote. Such application shall be on a form approved by the State Board. The  
 778 absentee ballots sent to a voter on the permanent absentee voter list shall be sent to the address in the voter's  
 779 registration record, except as provided in subdivision C 1.

780 B. In accordance with procedures established by the State Board, the general registrar shall retain the  
 781 application, enroll the applicant on a permanent absentee voter list, and process the applicant's request for an  
 782 absentee ballot for each succeeding election. The applicant shall specify by party designation the primary  
 783 ballots he is requesting.

784 C. The State Board shall prescribe the process by which a voter on the permanent absentee voter list may:

785 1. Request that his absentee ballot for (i) a single election or (ii) a primary election and the following  
 786 general election be sent to an address other than the address on his voter registration record.

787 2. Request a primary ballot for a political party other than the one he specified on his application for  
 788 permanent absentee voter status for a single primary election.

789 3. Change his political party selection for all succeeding primary elections.

790 D. A voter shall be removed from the permanent absentee voter list if (i) the voter requests in writing to  
 791 be removed from the list, (ii) the voter's registration is canceled pursuant to § 24.2-427, (iii) the voter's  
 792 registration is placed on inactive status pursuant to § ~~24.2-428 or 24.2-428.1~~ 24.2-410.4 or 24.2-410.5, or (iv)  
 793 the voter moves to a different address not in the same county or city of his registration.

794 **§ 24.2-709. Ballot to be returned in manner prescribed by law.**

795 A. Any ballot returned to the office of the general registrar or to a drop-off location in any manner except  
 796 as prescribed by law shall be void. Absentee ballots shall be returned to the general registrar or to a drop-off  
 797 location before the closing of the polls. Any voter who is in line to return an absentee ballot at a drop-off  
 798 location by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election shall be permitted to deposit his absentee ballot. The registrar  
 799 receiving the ballot shall (i) seal the ballot in an envelope with the statement or declaration of the voter, or  
 800 both, attached to the outside and (ii) mark on each envelope the date, time, and manner of delivery. No  
 801 returned absentee ballot shall be deemed void because (a) the inner envelope containing the voted ballot is  
 802 imperfectly sealed so long as the outside envelope containing the ballot envelope is sealed or (b) it is not  
 803 returned sealed in the outside envelope so long as it is returned sealed in the inner envelope.

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

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

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

823 **2. That §§ 24.2-404.3, 24.2-404.4, 24.2-410.2, 24.2-428, 24.2-428.1, and 24.2-428.2 of the Code of**  
824 **Virginia are repealed.**

825 **3. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.**