

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 707**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 13, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 55.3 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-5514.2,*
5 *relating to state government; transaction of public business; prohibited website domains.*

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7 Patron—Hayes
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9 Committee Referral Pending

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

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 55.3 of Title 2.2 a section numbered**
12 **2.2-5514.2 as follows:**

13 **§ 2.2-5514.2. Prohibited website domains.**

14 **A. For purposes of this section, "public body" means the same as that term is defined in § 2.2-5514.**

15 **B. No public body shall maintain an official website for use by the public with a domain other than a .gov**
16 **domain. Any email address that a public body provides to its employees shall utilize a .gov domain.**

17 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.**

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