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HOUSE BILL NO. 707

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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, relating to state government; transaction of public business; prohibited website domains.

Patron—Hayes

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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

§ 2.2-5514.2. *Prohibited website domains.*

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

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

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