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HOUSE BILL NO. 1150

Offered January 14, 2026

Prefiled January 14, 2026

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-174.2, relating to impersonating any local, town, city, or county elected official; penalty.

Patron—Hodges

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-174.2 as follows:

§ 18.2-174.2. Impersonating any local, town, city, or county elected official; penalty.

A. For the purposes of this section, "any local, town, city, or county elected official" includes constitutional officers.

B. No person shall (i) falsely assume or exercise the functions, powers, duties, and privileges incident to the office of any local, town, city, or county elected official; (ii) falsely assume or pretend to be any such elected official; or (iii) willfully impersonate any such elected official with the intent to make another believe he is such elected official.

C. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.