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SENATE BILL NO. 559

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-245.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to forgery; venue.

Patron—Reeves

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19.2-245.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-245.1. Forgery; where prosecuted.

If any person commits ~~forgery~~ a violation of § 18.2-168, 18.2-170, or 18.2-172, ~~that forgery~~ such violation may be prosecuted in any county or city (i) where the writing was forged, or where the same was used or passed, or attempted to be used or passed, or deposited or placed with another person, firm, association, or corporation either for collection or credit for the account of any person, firm, association, or corporation; (ii) where the writing ~~is~~ was found in the possession of the defendant; or (iii) where an issuer, acquirer, or account holder sustained a financial loss as a result of the offense.