

HOUSE BILL NO. 1150

## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Privileges and Elections

on February 6, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Hodges)

*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.*

**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 willfully and intentionally (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) 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.*