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HOUSE BILL NO. 113
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections
on February 10, 2026)
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Helmer)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-1007 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elections; offenses; soliciting or accepting bribe to influence or procure voter registration; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-1007 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-1007. Soliciting or accepting bribe to influence or procure vote or registration.

A. No person shall solicit or accept directly or indirectly any money or any thing of value *(i)* to influence his or another's vote in any election *or (ii) in exchange for his or another's decision to register or not register to vote*. Any person violating the provisions of this section ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. This section shall not be construed to apply to any of the following:

- 1. Transportation to or from a voting or voter registration location;*
- 2. Items of de minimis value that are not cash or cash equivalents;*
- 3. Granting time off to an employee to vote or register to vote; or*
- 4. Paying a person a wage to conduct a voter registration drive.*

C. This section applies to any election and to any method used by a political party for selection of its nominees and for selection of delegates to its conventions and meetings.