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HOUSE BILL NO. 1150

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Privileges and Elections
on February 13, 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.

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