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SENATE BILL NO. 559

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on March 2, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Reeves)

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

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, *including any violation of § 18.2-168, 18.2-170, or 18.2-172*, that forgery *or 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.

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