

HOUSE BILL NO. 90

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections

on February 20, 2024)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate McNamara)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-520 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elections; candidates; declaration of candidacy for primary.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 24.2-520 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 24.2-520. Declaration of candidacy required.**

A candidate for nomination by primary for any office shall be required to file a written declaration of candidacy on a form prescribed by the State Board. The declaration shall include the name of the political party of which the candidate is a member, a designation of the office for which he is a candidate, and a statement that, if ~~defeated in the~~ his name appears on the primary ballot and he is not nominated, his name is not to be printed on the ballots for that office in the succeeding general election. The declaration shall be acknowledged before some officer who has the authority to take acknowledgments to deeds, or attested by two witnesses who are qualified voters of the election district.

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