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SENATE BILL NO. 133

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-613.1, relating to elections, ballots; ballot fraud security measures.*

Patron—Chase

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-613.1 as follows:

§ 24.2-613.1. Ballot fraud security measures.

A. Any printer or vendor supplying ballots in an election for state or federal office shall be ISO 27001 certified, ISO 17025 certified, or ISO 9001:2015 certified.

B. Any ballot used in an election for state or federal office shall include a unique bar code or quick response code that is accessible only to the voter and that tracks the voter's ballot as it is processed and include the use of at least two of the following ballot fraud security measures:

1. Unique, controlled-supply watermarked clearing bank specification 1 security paper.

2. Secure holographic foil that acts as a visual deterrent and anti-copy feature.

3. Branded overprint of any hologram that personalizes the hologram with a customer logo.

4. Custom complex security background designs with banknote-level security.

5. Secure variable digital infill.

6. Thermochromic, tri-thermochromic, photochromic, or optically variable inks.

7. Stealth numbering in ultraviolet, infrared, or taggant inks.

8. Multicolored micro-numismatic invisible ultraviolet designs.

9. Unique forensic fraud detection technology that is built into security inks.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to machine-readable ballots reprinted or reproduced pursuant to subdivision F of § 24.2-613 or subdivision C of § 24.2-642.

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