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Exempt Action Proposed Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia State Board of Elections
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	1VAC 20-20-10, 20-20-30, 20-20-60
Regulation title(s)	Definitions; Organization of State Board of Elections; seal; Delegations to Commissioner of Elections
Action title	2015 Delegations Update
Date this document prepared	March 4, 2015

While a regulatory action may be exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the Administrative Process Act (APA), the agency is still encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form. Note: While posting this form on the Town Hall is optional, the agency must comply with requirements of The Virginia Register Act, Executive Orders 17 (2014) and 58 (1999), and the *Virginia Register Form, Style, and Procedure Manual*.

Brief summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

2013 Va. Acts, Ch.542 (SB1229) restructured the State Board of Elections. Effective July 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Elections became agency head, replacing the Secretary who continues on the three member board. The language of the agency regulations is updated to refer to the Commissioner of Elections and recognize the transfer of the Board's delegations of authority from the Secretary to the Commissioner.

Family impact

Please assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

None.

Public participation

Please include a statement that in addition to any other comments on the proposal, the agency is seeking comments on the costs and benefits of the proposal and the impacts of the regulated community.

In addition to any other comments, the State Board of Elections is seeking comments on the costs and benefits of the proposal and the potential impacts of this regulatory proposal. Also, the agency/board is seeking information on improving clarity and utility to voters and election officials. Information may include 1) projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative costs, 2) probable effect of the regulation on persons eligible to vote, registered voters, candidates, political parties and election administration, and 3) description of less intrusive or costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments for the public comment file may do so by mail, email or fax to Martha Brissette, Policy Analyst, Department of Elections, 1100 Bank St. Richmond, VA 23219, fax 804-371-0194, Martha.brissette@elections.virginia.gov . Comments may also be submitted through the Public Forum feature of the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall web site at: <http://www.townhall.virginia.gov> for the period March 23, 2015, through May 15, 2015. Written comments must include the name and address of the commenter. In order to be considered, comments must be received by 11:59 pm on the last day of the public comment period.

A public hearing will be held following the public comment period and notice of the hearing will be posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website (<http://www.townhall.virginia.gov>). Both oral and written comments may be submitted at that time.