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Exempt Action Proposed Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	State Board of Elections
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	1 VAC20-40
Regulation title	Residency for Voter Registration
Action title	Proposed amendment to regulation on residency for voter registration to conform to Virginia Administrative Code style conventions and add clarifying definition of address.
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

As required by Va. Code § 24.2-406(D), the State Board of Elections in 2009 adopted and secured preclearance for a regulation on determining residency for voter registration. This regulation was published on the Board's website as <u>SBE Policy 2009-005</u> with <u>approved correspondence</u> before the Board adopted procedures for using the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and Administrative Code for adopting regulations. The Board recently approved procedures and the previously approved regulation is being reproposed with stylistic changes to conform to Virginia Administrative Code technical specifications. A clarifying definition of address is also proposed to provide guidance and assure uniform treatment of applicants requesting exclusion of residence addresses from published voter lists under § 24.2-418.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

The proposed regulation assures uniform application of statutory provisions allowing certain registration applicants and their family members to request exclusion of their residence addresses from published lists.