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# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
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**IMPORTANT  
READ CAREFULLY**

BULLETIN NO. 29

TO ALL REGISTRARS OF VIRGINIA:

The 1958 session of the General Assembly made several changes in the Election Laws of Virginia stressing the duties of the registrars and the procedure to be followed by all the registrars throughout the State in registering applicants who are eligible to have their names placed on the registration books in order that a uniform system will be strictly adhered to.

If each registrar will follow the procedure which is outlined below, step by step, in registering voters, we believe he will be fully meeting the requirements of the new law.

1. Every person applying for registration should be furnished one of the Information Sheets, Form No. 1, which we have printed and are furnishing each registrar, containing the pertinent provisions of Chapter 576 of the Acts of the 1958 General Assembly and Section 20 of the Constitution of Virginia.
2. The registrar shall furnish the applicant a sheet of paper containing no written or printed data; in other words, just a blank sheet of paper for the applicant to supply in his own handwriting the information required by Section 20 of the Constitution and Section 24-68 of the Code, which is as follows:

1. Name of applicant.
2. Age of applicant.
3. Date of applicant's birth.
4. Place of applicant's birth.
5. Residence of applicant at the time application is made.
6. Residence of applicant for one year next preceding the making of the application.
7. Occupation of applicant at the time application is made.
8. Occupation of applicant for one year next preceding the making of the application.
9. Whether applicant has previously voted.
10. If applicant has previously voted, the State, County and precinct in which applicant last voted.

While making his application for registration, which must be done in the presence of the registrar, the applicant shall not be permitted to refer to any pamphlet, booklet or other memorandum, printed or written, nor to discuss with any person any matter concerning the requirements necessary in order to register other than the provisions of Section 20 of the Constitution and Section 24-68 of the Code which we have printed for his use on Form No. 1. If an applicant makes application in his or her own handwriting, and without aid, suggestion or memorandum, other than the right to refer to the pertinent provisions of the Code and the Constitution, then such applicant has satisfied the requirements of the law, so far as a written application is required.

\* So called blank paper law to keep Negroes from registering.