

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 1-17.1, Chapter 1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 1 relates to GENERAL PROVISIONS, and which Section 1-17.1 relates to ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL ABSENTEE VOTER ELECTION DISTRICT AND VOTING PLACE.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia did in 1974, in Chapter 42 of the Acts of Assembly of 1974, amend Title 24.1, Elections, Section 24.1-233.1 which provided in part as follows:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purpose of counting and recording absentee ballots in all elections, the governing body of each city or county may establish a central absentee voter election district in the courthouse or other public building, and the governing body of the town may establish such an election district for town elections, which shall receive, count and record all such ballots cast within that city, county or town. The decision to establish such district shall be made by the governing body in the month of January of each year, be effective February one of that year for a period of twelve months and immediate notification of such decision sent to the State Board of Elections and the electoral board."

and

WHEREAS, the Electoral Board of the City of Alexandria has recommended that a Central Absentee Voter Election District be established and that the polling place of such Central Absentee Voter Election District should be Circuit Courtroom No. 4, the Alexandria City Hall, 125 North Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia; therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 1-17.1, Chapter 1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 1-17.1. Establishment of central absentee voter election district and voting place.

There is hereby established for the City of Alexandria a Central Absentee Voter Election District. The voting place of the Central Absentee Voter Election District shall be Circuit Courtroom No. 4 of the Alexandria City Hall, 125 North Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The Central Absentee Voter Election District shall conform in all respects with the provisions of Section 24.1-233.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Section 2. That in the opinion of the city council an emergency exists and this ordinance is hereby declared an EMERGENCY ORDINANCE in order to comply with the requirements of Section 24.1-233.1, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, by establishing a Central Absentee Voter Election District prior to February 1, 1978.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall not be published. The clerk of the council shall note the date of introduction and first reading and the date and time of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of this meeting. The clerk and the city manager shall attempt to give this ordinance the widest reasonable possible coverage by all news media. This ordinance shall become effective on February 1, 1978. [Attention is called to the fact that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973 c, prohibits the enforcement of this ordinance until a determination has been made in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act, that denial or abridgment of the right to vote on account of race or color is not the purpose and will not be the effect of this ordinance.]

FRANK E. MANN  
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: January 24, 1978