



Status of 2016 General Assembly Bills Related to VFC 2016 Issues

“NO-EXCUSE” SENIOR ABSENTEE VOTING OR EARLY VOTING

VIRGINIA SENATE			
Sponsor	Bill #	Bill Language	Status
Sen George Barker (D-39 th Alexandria)	SB 320	No-excuse absentee voting for persons 65+ yrs.	Incorporated into SB 188 by Senate committee
Sen Rosalyn Dance (D-16 th Petersburg)	SB 106	No-excuse, in-person absentee voting for any registered voter	Passed Senate. Left in House committee.
Sen John Edwards (D-21 st Roanoke)	SB 143	No-excuse absentee voting for persons 65+ yrs.	Incorporated into SB 188 by Senate committee
Sen Janet Howell (D-32 nd Reston)	SB 603	No-excuse/in-person absentee voting (all registered voters) 21 days prior to election	Passed Senate. Left in House committee.
Sen John Miller (D-1 st Newport News)	SB 188	No-excuse absentee voting for persons 65+ yrs.	Passed Senate. Left in House committee.
Sen Jennifer Wexton (D-33 rd Leesburg)	SB 68	No-excuse absentee voting for persons 65+ yrs.	Incorporated into SB 188 by Senate committee
HOUSE OF DELEGATES			
Del Lashrecse Aird (D-63 rd Petersburg)	HB 1216	No-excuse absentee voting for persons 65+ yrs.	Left in House committee
Del Lamont Bagby (D-74 th Richmond)	HB 418	No-excuse, in-person absentee voting for any registered voter	Left in House committee
Del Kaye Kory (D-38 th Falls Church)	HB 56	No-excuse absentee voting for persons 70+ yrs.	Left in House committee
Del Daniel Marshall (R-14 th Danville)	HB 100	No-excuse absentee voting for persons 65+ yrs.	Left in House committee
Del Daniel Marshall (R-14 th Danville)	HB 101	No-excuse early voting for persons 65+ yrs; 21 days prior to a general election	Left in House committee
Del Kathleen Murphy (D-34 th McLean)	HB 531	No-excuse/in-person absentee voting (all registered voters) 21 days prior to election	Left in House committee
Del Richard Sullivan (D-48 th Arlington)	HB 68	No-excuse early voting for any registered voter; 21 days prior to a general election	Left in House committee
Del David Toscano (D-57 th Charlottesville)	HB 899	No-excuse early voting for persons 65+ yrs; 21 days prior to a general election	Left in House committee
Del Ronald Villanueva (R-21 st Virginia Beach)	HB 430	No-excuse, in-person absentee voting for any registered voter	Left in House committee

NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING REFORM

VIRGINIA SENATE

Sponsor	Bill #	Bill Language	Status
Sen R. Creigh Deeds (D-25 th Charlottesville)	SJ 60	Establishes 13-member Virginia Redistricting Commission to draw district maps. 12 partisan members chosen by party leadership in Senate & House and the state chairperson of each of the two political parties receiving the most votes in the prior gubernatorial election. Those partisan members then choose the 13 th member by majority vote – or - if majority vote not possible, the Virginia Supreme Court decides between the two names receiving the most votes.	Continued to 2017 in Senate committee
Sen Janet Howell (D-32 nd Reston) & Sen Jill Holtzman-Vogel (R-27 th Winchester)	SB 59	Bipartisan initiative. Specifies criteria for drawing districts; generally excludes use of political boundaries or election results	Passed Senate. Left in House committee.
Sen Lynwood Lewis (D-6 th Accomac)	SB 672	Provides new method for preparing redistricting plans based on Iowa model. Division of Legislative Services to develop plans with specific standards/criteria. Establishes temporary advisory committee. General Assembly may reject or amend the plans.	Failed to report (defeated) in Senate committee
Sen L. Louise Lucas (D-18 th Portsmouth)	SB 31	Establishes Virginia Interim Redistricting Commission when any district declared unlawful by state/federal court	Passed Senate. Left in House committee.
Sen Glen Sturtevant (R-10 th Richmond)	SB 495	Specifies criteria for drawing districts; generally excludes use of political boundaries or election results	Incorporated into SB 59 by Senate committee
Sen Glen Sturtevant (R-10 th Richmond)	SJ 79	Establishes a 7-member Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes and reinforces standards. Similar to SB 59.	Continued to 2017 in Senate committee.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Del John Bell (D-87 th Chantilly)	HJ 117	Establishes 7-member Virginia Redistricting Commission to draw district maps. Requires districts to be drawn using shortest split method that divides the geographic area of the state into two halves of approx. equal population, choosing shortest possible dividing line to split the state. The division of halves shall continue until required # of districts is achieved. District boundaries should coincide with existing political boundaries and account for geographic features.	Left in House committee
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Del Betsy Carr (D-69 th Richmond)	HJ 93	Provides for a 7-member Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission to draw district maps. The members appointed by majority vote of the Virginia Supreme Court from a list of retired judges who have indicated willingness to serve on Commission. Specifies criteria/standards. Commission to submit the redistricting plans to the General Assembly as a bill.	Left in House committee
Del R. Steven Landes (R-25 th Verona)	HB 555	Specifies criteria for drawing districts; generally excludes use of political boundaries or election results	Left in House committee
Del J. Randall Minchew (R-10 th Leesburg)	HB 553	Specifies criteria for drawing a district, but “failure or inability to maintain strict conformance to these criteria shall not be the basis for invalidating the plan establishing such district.”	Left in House committee
Del Kenneth Plum (D-36 th Reston)	HJ 96	Same as Sen Deeds’ bill, SJ 60, as above	Left in House committee
Del Sam Rasoul (D-11 th Roanoke)	HB 303	Establishes Virginia Interim Redistricting Commission when any district declared unlawful by state/federal court. Provides criteria for drawing districts.	Left in House committee
Del Richard Sullivan (D-48 th Arlington)	HB 26	Specifies criteria for drawing districts; generally excludes use of political boundaries or election results	Left in House committee
ADJUSTING INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INFLATION			
VIRGINIA SENATE			
Sen Mark Obenshain (R-26 th Harrisonburg)	SB 733	Adjusts individual income tax brackets, standard deduction, and personal exemption amounts by % increase in CPI-U	Continued to 2017 in House committee
HOUSE OF DELEGATES			
Del Betsy Carr (D-69 th Richmond)	HB 693	Adjusts individual income tax standard deduction by % increase in CPI-U	Continued to 2017 in House committee
Del James LeMunyon (R-67 th Chantilly)	HB 215	Adjusts individual income tax brackets, standard deduction, and personal exemption amounts by % increase in CPI-U	Continued to 2017 in House committee
ENHANCED PROTECTION OF INCAPACITATED ADULTS			
HOUSE OF DELEGATES			
Del Kaye Kory (D-38 th Falls Church)	HB 162	Expands definition of “incapacitated persons” to also include physical illness/disability, advanced age, or other causes. Current law only allows for mental incapacity. Also allows asset forfeiture.	Left in House committee

TRANSPARENCY

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Del Ben Cline (R-24 th Amherst)	HB 1315	Provides that all bills be given due consideration in General Assembly committee and subcommittee hearings and receive a recorded vote.	Tabled by House committee
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