



Annual Meeting

March 2025

2025 Legislative Committee Report

- Lynette Clements and Rick Michael
- Legislative Committee Co-Chairs
- Chesterfield County Electoral Board



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Legislative Committee

It shall be the duty of the Committee to bring to the attention of the Executive Committee needed or proposed legislation affecting any aspect of elections in Virginia, to represent VEBA before the General Assembly, and, through communications with members of the General assembly or otherwise, to promote legislation approved by the Board of Directors of VEBA.

Legislative Committee Goals

Strengthen VEBA legislative voice

- Lobbyists

Strengthen presence in the General Assembly

- Legislative Day

Reputation of expertise and knowledge

- Monitor Legislation

Our lobbyists



Tyler Craddock

Troy Garrett

Legislative
STRATEGIES GROUP

Lobbying is the process of influencing government policy by advocating, persuading, and influencing legislators and other government officials.



VEBA Legislative Day

January 28, 2025

Our resolution sponsors



Delegate Debra Gardner
D- 76th House District
Chesterfield

2025 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 548

Offered January 26, 2025

Virginia Electoral Board Association.

Patrons—Gardner and Laufer; Senator: Ebbin

WHEREAS, the Virginia Electoral Board Association is a voluntary association of independent boards across the Commonwealth, representing more than 5,000,000 registered voters and 2,453 precincts; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Electoral Board Association (VEBA) was established on February 3, 2025, to support the responsibilities of local electoral boards; and

WHEREAS, in each county and city in the Commonwealth, a three-member electoral board is responsible for the proper and orderly conduct of all elections held in the locality, including the appointment of a registrar or election director, the preparation of ballots, the administration of absentee ballot collection, and the ascertaining of election results; and

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years since its creation, VEBA has cultivated strong working relationships with these electoral boards, general registrars, and election directors; and

WHEREAS, VEBA has worked diligently and successfully to facilitate free and fair elections and the highest standard of integrity in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, VEBA has promoted broader participation in elections and facilitated that participation between its members, the State Board of Elections, and other officials at the local and state level;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Elections, and other officials and

RESOLVED, the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution and forward it to the Clerk of the Senate, and the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution and forward it to the Clerk of the House of Delegates, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for their commitment to fair, free, open, and transparent elections in the Commonwealth.

INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 315

Commending the Virginia Electoral Board Association.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 30, 2025

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2025

WHEREAS, the Virginia Electoral Board Association is a voluntary association of independent boards across the Commonwealth, representing more than five million registered voters, 133 counties, and 2,453 precincts; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Electoral Board Association (VEBA) was established on February 3, 2025, to support the responsibilities of the local electoral board; and

WHEREAS, in each county and city in the Commonwealth, a three-member electoral board is responsible for the proper and orderly conduct of all elections held in the locality, including the appointment of a registrar or election director, the preparation of ballots, the administration of absentee ballot collection, and the ascertaining of election results; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years since its creation, VEBA has cultivated strong working relationships with these electoral boards, general registrars, and election directors; and

WHEREAS, VEBA has worked diligently and successfully to facilitate free and fair elections and the highest standard of integrity in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, VEBA has promoted broader participation in elections and facilitated that participation between its members, the State Board of Elections, and other officials at the local and state level;

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Virginia Electoral Board Association on the occasion of its 50th anniversary

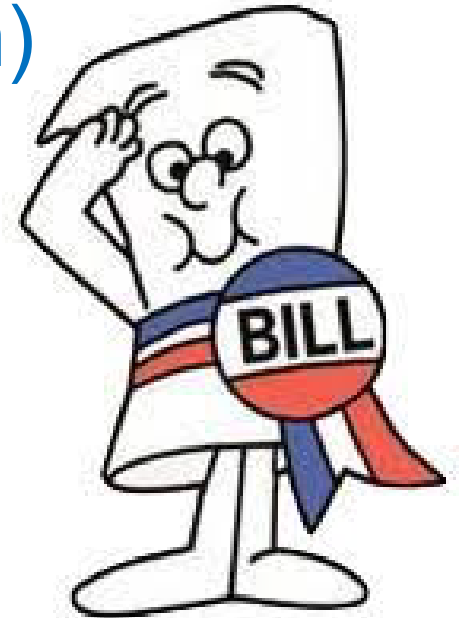
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution and forward it to the Clerk of the House of Delegates, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for their commitment to fair, free, open, and transparent elections in the Commonwealth.



Senator Glen Sturtevant
R- Senate District 12
Chesterfield

Monitoring Legislation

- February 22 – *Sine die* (last day of session)
- March 24 – Governor's action deadline
- April 2 – Reconvened session to consider Governor's amendments and/or vetoes



HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN VIRGINIA

SENATE

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

★ Introduce a Bill . . .

Nice to meet you!

But only a member of the House of Delegates or Senate can introduce a bill.

★ Send to Committee . . .

Knock! Knock!

COMMITTEE

The bill is assigned a number, and then the bill is referred (sent) to the proper committee.

★ Governor's Action . . .

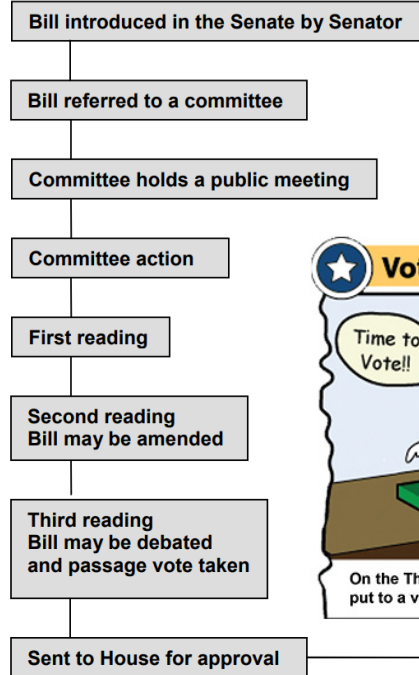
Governor or Bust!

If the bill passes both chambers, it goes to the Governor for approval. The Governor has four choices . . .

★ . . . No Action.

I'm a law!

The Governor does not sign the bill but does not veto it. The bill still becomes a law!

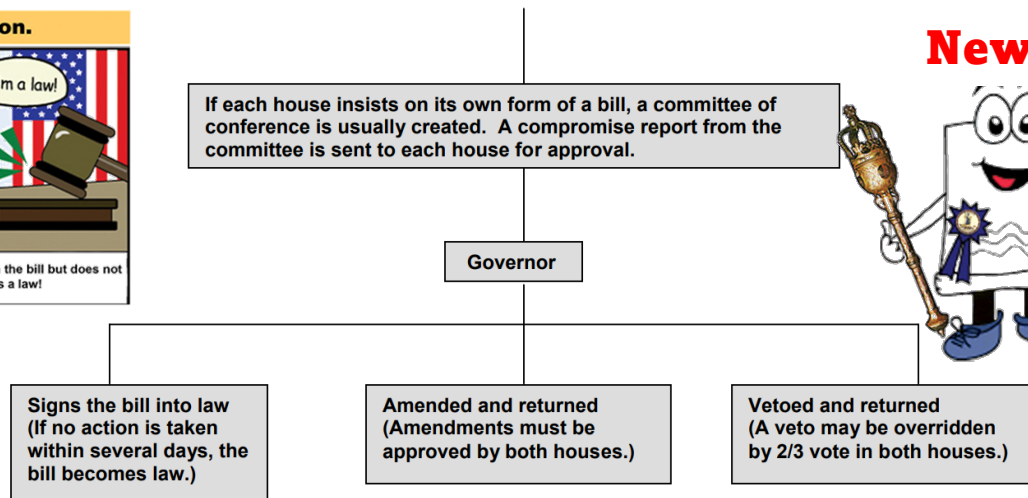
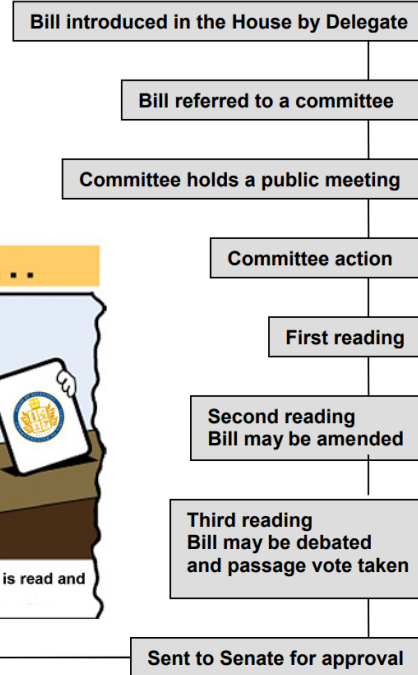


★ Vote on the Bill . . .

Time to Vote!!

YEA NAY

On the Third Reading the bill's title is read and put to a vote.



★ Committee Studies Bill . . .

Exhibit A

Hmmm . . .

The committee studies the bill to see if it would make a good law. This is when the public may speak.

★ Refer to Senate . . .

If a bill passes in the House of Delegates, it goes through a similar process in the Senate.

★ . . . Changes the Bill.

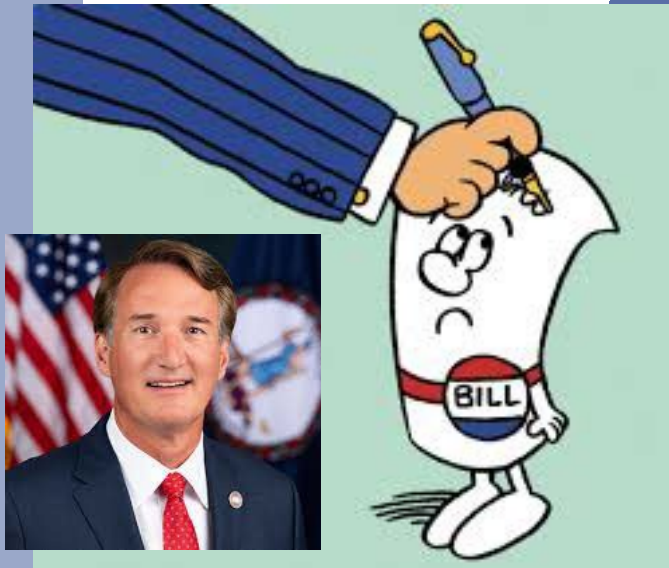
Back to the drawing board!

CHANGES

The Governor returns the bill with changes (amendments). If the House of Delegates and Senate approve changes, the bill becomes law.

HB2056 - Absentee voting in person; voter satellite offices, days and hours of operation.

Passed and Signed
By Senate and House



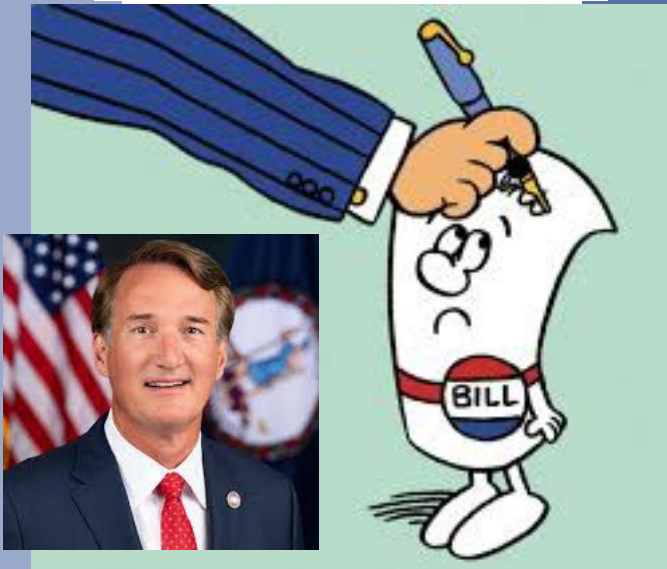
On the Governor's Desk

Authorizes the governing body of any county or city establishing voter satellite offices for absentee voting in person to prescribe, by ordinance, the dates and hours of operation for such offices.

*Introduced by: **Atoosa Reaser***

HB2277 - Elections administration; duties of local electoral board certification of election, civil penalty.

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By Senate and House



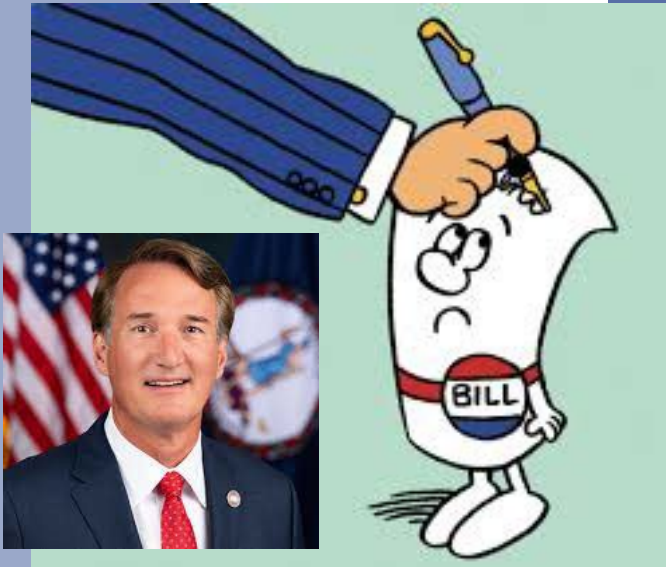
On the Governor's Desk

Provides that the certification of the results of an election is a clear ministerial duty of the local electoral boards and that a member of the local electoral board who neglects or refuses to perform such duty in accordance with law shall be subject to removal proceedings by the State Board of Elections and assessed a penalty not exceeding \$1,000. The bill also authorizes the State Board of Elections to intervene and carry out the duties related to election certification in the event a local electoral board fails or refuses to do so.

Introduced by: **Marcia "Cia" Price**

HB2668 - Elections; procedures for removal of electoral board members and general registrars.

Passed and Signed
By Senate and House



On the Governor's Desk

Allows the State Board of Elections to remove any member of an electoral board or general registrar by a recorded two-thirds majority vote of all its members after a public hearing on related matters.....Such decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

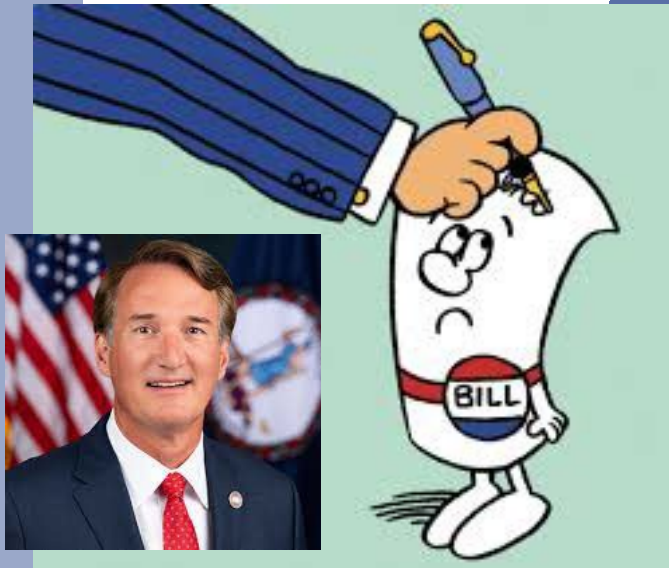
The bill also allows an electoral board to remove a general registrar by a unanimous vote A registrar who is so removed may file an appeal to the State Board.

*Introduced by: **Marcus Simon (Chief Patron)***

HB1735 - Voter registration; time period for closing registration records before certain elections.



Passed and Signed
By Senate and House



On the Governor's Desk

Reduces from 21 to 10 days the number of days during which registration records are closed before primary and general elections and from 13 to 10 days the number of days during which registration records are closed before special ...

This bill is identical to SB 991.

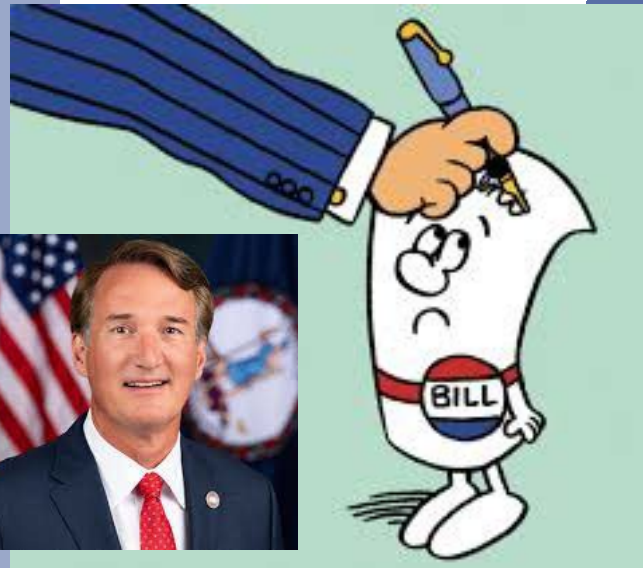
*Introduced by: **Joshua Cole***

HB2276 - Voter registration; list maintenance activities, cancellation procedures, required record matches.

Passed and Signed
By Senate and House



On the Governor's Desk



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OMNIBUS – DMV, Exchange voter lists with other states, periodic review of registration records, list maintenance, security of Va voter registration system.

Introduced by: Marcia "Cia" Price

HB2445 - Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election, hours of operation.

Limits the availability of absentee voting in person to beginning 14 days prior to any election. During these two weeks, the bill requires that absentee voting in person be available Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day.

*Introduced by: **Phillip Scott***



Left in Privileges and
Elections

HB1953 - Elections; prohibited area within 10 feet of the curbside voting area.

Adds the 10 feet beyond any area designated for voting outside the polling place to the prohibited area where campaigning and certain other activities are unlawful during elections.

Introduced by: H. Otto Wachsmann



Left in Privileges and Elections

HB1938 - Elections; prohibited area within five feet of any area designated for voting outside polling place.

Adds the five feet beyond any area designated for voting outside the polling place to the prohibited area where campaigning and certain other activities are unlawful during elections.

*Introduced by: **David Reid***



Passed by indefinitely
Privileges and Elections

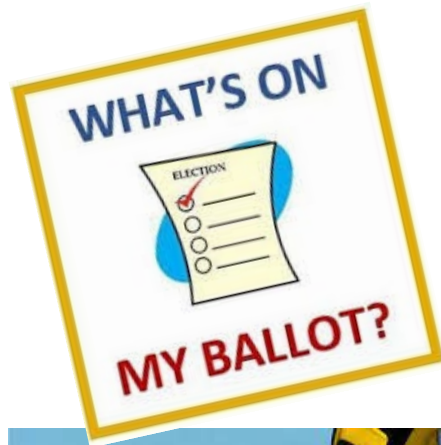
Let's Talk About CHESTERFIELD VA

Our Strategies Work

- Love your Registrar
- Communicate with the parties
- Work with candidates
- Build bridges with winners
- Influence legislation
- Prevent unnecessary laws



Lynette & Rick's Favorite Example



Conclusions from Committee Discussions



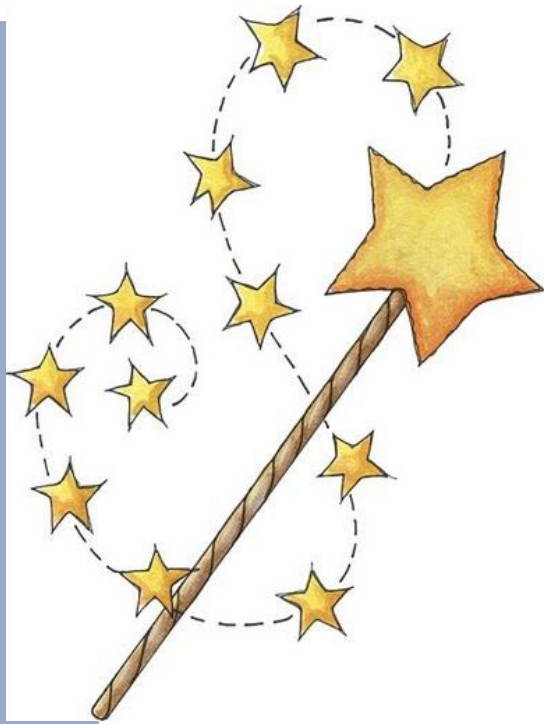
- We need recognition as experts in election administration.
- Our most significant influence is before bills are written
- We struggle for common legislative goals because of our differences
- We want to strengthen VEBA legislative voice
- We must communicate and stay connected to our legislators

Today's assignment for VEBA members

- Get to know your electeds.
- Learn to talk to your electeds.
- Get to know your electeds.
- Learn to work with your electeds.
- Get to know your electeds.
- Learn to share your knowledge with electeds.



Legislative Committee Priorities



- **Legal Representation**
- **Equity in Salaries**
- **Maintain Flexibility with Precinct Management**
 - 40 ft. line
 - Hours of operation
- **Clarification of Responsibilities**
 - Satellites and Early voting
 - Local Obligations and Emergency Actions



Next for the Legislative Committee

Meet with Legislators in Off Season

Del. Marcia “Cia” Price, D, 85th HD

Chair of Privileges and Elections

Email to get on list

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Thank You!

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