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# DEAR VIRGINIA CONSERVATION VOTER:

**M**uch has changed in our country and in our Commonwealth in the past year. Some of the changes have been sobering and unwelcome. We entered into a full-fledged economic recession and have had to bolster flagging institutions thought to be invulnerable. Unemployment has soared while the state budget has plummeted. The statistics on climate change effects and sea level rise have become more alarming for our coastal areas than we could have even imagined just a few years ago.

Yet there is some encouraging movement at both the federal and state levels of government. The first ever energy efficiency legislation passed the 2009 General Assembly and we can expect more expansive energy and climate legislation from Congress later in the year. The new Administration in Washington appears focused on transforming our economy through aggressive new energy policies. Candidates are including clean energy and “green jobs” as a key plank in their platforms for the first time ever. In a spring poll conducted by Christopher Newport University, 76.1% of likely voters in Virginia think global warming is real and a majority have made changes in their lives to help protect the environment.

With every crisis, comes opportunity. The slowdown in the economy compels us to consider what is truly sustainable. Just as we cannot continue to recklessly spend dollars to acquire more of the newest houses, cars and gadgets, we cannot exhaust our planet’s resources without regard for the future – just in the name of energy independence. We are long overdue to reform our energy policies and move this country from a reliance on fossil fuels to clean and renewable sources

of power. Virginia must incentivize private sector investments in innovative technologies and career training to jump-start thousands of manufacturing, engineering, and research and maintenance jobs that will help us be competitive and create a better quality of life.

The decline in the housing market allows us some breathing room to re-evaluate our land use and transportation policies before developer pressures return. While there were few pieces of legislation this session on transportation reform because of the budget woes, there were still developer efforts to get an edge for future homebuilding prospects on marginal lands. Now is the time for Virginia to move forward on transit and rail as alternatives to highway construction and to help localities focus development in urban cores and village centers. VALCV will be looking for legislative and executive leadership in the next year to advance this common sense agenda.

Stewardship of our natural and fiscal resources is more important now than ever before. Families are being encouraged to think of ways that they can save money and the environment at the same time (driving less and buying fresh local food or weatherizing their homes). We should ask for nothing less from our governmental leaders. Now is the time to plan better, conserve more, and work together boldly for a brighter future.

*Lisa M. Guthrie*

Lisa Guthrie | Executive Director, Virginia League of Conservation Voters





## Our Purpose

The Virginia League of Conservation Voters (VALCV) is the non-partisan political action voice of Virginia's conservation community. VALCV takes its franchise from the local, regional and state conservation groups that define our issues and priorities. Because most of these groups have a 501(c)(3) non-profit status, and therefore cannot engage in electoral politics, we undertake that effort on their behalf.

VALCV's mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Virginians by making conservation a top priority with Virginia's elected officials, political candidates and voters.

The 2009 General Assembly session showed that our legislative priorities extend beyond the typical environmental areas of concern like air and water quality. Legislation targeting energy efficiency and renewable energy as well as transportation reform came before lawmakers for their consideration this session. Legislation addressing legislative accountability through bipartisan redistricting was also a top priority. This legislation has a sweeping impact on the quality of life all Virginians are able to enjoy.

We believe that environmentally concerned citizens represent a huge potential force in electoral politics. In fact, many candidates across Virginia have begun addressing the concerns of conservation voters like never before. Too often, however, candidates for elected office are not asked by the public or the media to articulate their positions on conservation issues. We must continue to show that conservation concerns such as sprawl, the quality of our drinking water, the disposal of our waste, and the sanctity of our remaining open spaces are increasingly important issues to voters.

## A Proud Tradition Worth Preserving

We Virginians cherish our heritage. We also love our land. We all want clean air, clean water, protection of our farmland and forests, and preservation of our historical landmarks.

Too often, however, our government has allowed our history to be paved over, our air and waters to become polluted, and our productive land to be wasted by poorly planned development.

Virginia deserves elected officials who are responsive to the people and the needs of the environment.

We must urge our elected officials to accept the challenge to protect Virginia's natural resources, our abundant wildlife, and our irreplaceable historic sites. Virginians care about the integrity of the Commonwealth that is left to our children; our elected officials should too.

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# LEGISLATIVE HEROES



**O**ur Legislative Heroes show special dedication to conservation priorities. One senator and 6 delegates voted the right way every time on the bills VALCV selected for the 2009 Scorecard. These legislators deserve a special show of support for their hard work, integrity, and dedication to environmental concerns – especially when that is the toughest vote.

“I am pleased and honored to have received a 100% legislative score in the 2009 Conservation Scorecard. In many ways, no issue could be more important, more imperative and more timely. We must seize this unique opportunity. By acting now, we will not only save our environment, we will create jobs and contribute to resuscitating our economy. If we do not stand up, take stewardship of our earth and all vitality on it, we may never again have the opportunity. VALCV’s willingness to step up and take a leadership role in making a difference is not only critically important, but inspiring. I look forward to working closely with you in the years ahead.”

– *Senator Donald McEachin*



“It is flattering and encouraging to be recognized, but standing with VALCV this past session has just been the right thing to do. It is clear to so many of us that conserving is easier than dealing with pollution after the fact. For my part, I will continue to fight for drastic limitations on single use shopping bags and for green buildings. Thank you for your support and for this honor.”

– *Delegate Adam Ebbin*



“I want my son’s generation to be able to breathe clean air, drink clean water, eat the fish they catch, and grow up healthy and strong in a world free from the threat of global warming and destructive climate change. The Virginia League of Conservation Voters is an invaluable partner as we build that future together, and I’m honored to be selected as a Legislative Hero.”

– *Delegate David Englin*



“I am honored to be recognized by VALCV as a legislative hero. I will continue to work for public policies that preserve Virginia’s beautiful natural and historic resources. We owe nothing less to future generations of Virginians.”

– *Delegate Jennifer McClellan*



“I consider protection of our natural environment to be one of my highest priorities. The Virginia League of Conservation Voters provides invaluable assistance to legislators, and their Legislative Hero awards validate our efforts and motivate us to work harder.”

– *Delegate Kenneth R. Plum*



“I am honored to receive this recognition from the Virginia League of Conservation Voters. As policy makers, we have a special obligation to protect the Chesapeake Bay watershed as well as to preserve Virginia’s natural beauty and unequalled countryside. As our economy rebounds, it is important to remember that Virginia’s environmental resources are an indispensable component of that economy, and that a rational urban policy works hand in hand to preserve natural Virginia for future generations.”

– *Delegate Mark Sickles*



“I take Article XI of the Virginia Constitution very seriously. We have a responsibility to leave this earth a better place than we found it. It is an honor to be recognized for our efforts to promote conservation and progressive environmental initiatives.”

– *Delegate David Toscano*





# KNOW THE SCORE

By picking up this Scorecard, you've taken an important step toward protecting Virginia's environment. Knowing how your legislators vote on key bills is a key step toward holding them accountable and making conservation a top priority in Virginia government. Our annual Conservation Scorecard records the most important conservation votes of each legislative year and is distributed to VALCV members, Virginia environmental organizations, elected officials at every level, and the news media. Now in its tenth year, the Conservation Scorecard has become the authoritative source on Virginia's environmental politics.

As a legislative watchdog, VALCV tracks voting records on key environmental, growth and funding proposals in the General Assembly. During each session we work hard to make sure legislators hear loud and clear from the conservation voters in their districts. Then at session's end we publish this Conservation Scorecard to help voters distinguish between the rhetoric and the reality of a lawmaker's record.

## It's Not Too Late To Say Thanks! (...Or No Thanks!)

How did your legislators do this session? The 2009 session has passed and the 2010 session will be gearing up, with many more conservation bills for your legislators to consider. Use the legislative district maps and directory listed later in the Scorecard to identify and contact your delegate and senator. If you can't tell where your district is, you can use the "Who's My Legislator" utility on the General Assembly's website (<http://legis.state.va.us>).

Special appreciation is certainly due for our Legislative Heroes—the senator and delegates who had 100% conservation voting records. This year, 6 delegates and one senator are on the list. Legislators in the Top Quartile list and those who patroned good conservation bills deserve recognition and thanks as well. (See these charts on this page and page 12).

2009 Top Quartile:  
Score of 75% to 99%

Senate	Party	Dist.	Score
Barker	D	39	80
Deeds	D	25	91
Edwards	D	21	83
Herring	D	33	83
Houck	D	17	82
Howell, J.	D	32	75
Lucas	D	18	80
Miller, Y.	D	5	75
Petersen	D	34	82
Vogel	R	27	90
Whipple	D	31	75
House	Party	Dist.	Score
Amundson	D	44	92
Alexander	D	89	77
Athey	R	18	75
Bouchard	D	83	77
Brink	D	48	92
Bulova	D	37	85
Caputo	D	67	82
Eisenberg	D	47	92
Frederick	R	52	75
Herring	D	46	83
Hull	D	38	92
Lewis	D	100	77
Marsden	D	41	83
Morrissey	D	74	85
Pollard	D	99	92
Scott, J.	D	53	92
Shannon	D	35	92
Spruill	D	77	75
Valentine	D	23	83
Vanderhye	D	34	77

Notable  
Number

24/7

Apparently, the amount of time during which lights remain on at Dominion Power's headquarters in Richmond.



Our legislators will be much more likely to respond favorably to future requests if you take a moment now to let them know you value their past efforts, especially on tough issues. And it's even more important that you let your legislators know you read the Conservation Scorecard and care about their performance on conservation issues. If your legislators appeared in the Bottom Quartile, they especially need to hear from you! (See the chart on this page) Write an email, make a phone call, or send a letter letting them know that you saw their score and you want them to improve it! These legislators need to know that you are watching their actions, you know their votes, and that they should join us in caring about environmental issues. You may even find that by providing additional information on these issues, you could make a crucial difference in their votes next time!

Average Annual Scores		
	House	Senate
2000	51%	47%
2001	54%	57%
2002	59%	45%
2003	55%	30%
2004	47%	59%
2005	40%	42%
2006	56%	54%
2007	73%	55%
2008	73%	68%
2009	49%	49%

has been able to cast during his or her legislative career. This careful process allows the Conservation Scorecard to give a clear picture of a legislator's long-term performance.

Remember that we must not permanently chastise legislators for their poor performance—we believe in “conservation salvation.” Every legislator has room for improvement and we should be supportive, encouraging them each session. And we must also not take legislators' good performance for granted—they still need to hear our message from conservation-minded constituents.

2009 Bottom Quartile: Score below 25%			
Senate	Party	Dist.	Score
Blevins	R	14	10
Cuccinelli	R	37	10
Hanger	R	24	17
Hurt	R	19	20
Martin	R	11	10
McDougle	R	4	10
Newman	R	23	11
Norment	R	3	15
Obenshain	R	26	13
Ruff	R	15	11
Smith	R	22	10
Stolle	R	8	18
Stosch	R	12	8
Stuart	R	28	20
Wagner	R	7	10

Senate	Party	Dist.	Score
Wampler	R	40	8
Watkins	R	10	8
House	Party	Dist.	Score
Bell	R	58	23
Cosgrove	R	78	23
Cox	R	66	15
Gilbert	R	15	8
Hogan	R	60	8
Ingram	R	62	23
Janis	R	56	8
Jones, SC	R	76	23
Kilgore	R	1	17
Marshall, D.	R	14	23
Miller, J.	R	50	23
Nixon	R	27	17
O'Bannon	R	73	23
Orrock	R	54	23
Pogge	R	96	23
Poindexter	R	9	23
Sherwood	R	29	15
Ware, L.	R	65	21

## How the Scorecard Votes Were Chosen

VALCV is an advocate for a wide spectrum of conservation initiatives while opposing ill-conceived legislation that takes Virginia's environmental protections backward. We create this annual Conservation Scorecard to illustrate the performance of our elected officials during the legislative session on bills that have an impact on conservation issues. Experts from Virginia's conservation organizations make recommendations to VALCV on which votes should be included. If a vote does not illustrate a clear distinction between those who support the conservation position and those who do not, often that vote is not included as a Scorecard vote. This is a natural limitation of a Scorecard that is particularly visible in years when there are few significant conservation initiatives.

This year's Scorecard, in addition to providing scores for 2009 and 2008, also includes a cumulative score for each legislator. For this cumulative, we have calculated the actual number of “right” votes cast by legislators since VALCV began the Scorecard in 2000. Cumulative scores are found by dividing the number of “right” votes by the total number of possible votes that legislator

Legislative Heroes 100% Voting Record for 2009		
Senate	Party	Dist.
McEachin	D	9
House	Party	Dist.
Ebbin	D	49
Englin	D	45
McClellan	D	71
Plum	D	36
Sickles	D	43
Toscano	D	57

# SCORECARD HIGHLIGHTS

Heading into the 2009 General Assembly Session, the conservation community, recognizing the effect that the economic downturn has had on working families throughout the state, focused its efforts on an area where every one of us can save money while helping the environment at the same time: *energy efficiency*.

## Energy and Climate Change

### Energy Efficiency: Cheapest, Quickest and Cleanest

In light of the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy's (ACEEE) finding that achievable efficiency gains would virtually eliminate the need for additional generation capacity in Virginia the conservation community worked with our patrons to introduce legislation that included three critical attributes: (1) a strong definition of energy efficiency to ensure that investments in efficiency lead directly to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, (2) a fair rate of return on efficiency investments by utilities to reduce the perverse incentive utilities have to invest in new coal-fired generation over efficiency, and (3) a mandatory Energy Efficiency Resource Standard, as recommended by **Governor Tim Kaine's** Commission on Climate Change, to reduce energy use by 19% by 2025 through common-sense investments in efficiency. **Delegate Albert Pollard's HB 2506** contained both strong definitions and a fair rate of return, **Senator Mark Herring's SB 1440** contained strong definitions and a mandatory standard, while **Senator Donald McEachin's** "omnibus" bill, **SB 1447**, contained all three aspects. **Delegate Ken Plum** and **Senator Ralph Northam** also introduced energy efficiency legislation (**HB 2176** and **SB 1248**), on behalf of the Governor, based upon the Commission on Climate Change's 19% recommendation. McEachin's landmark legislation was the environmental community's top priority. The bill failed by a single vote in the Senate

Commerce and Labor Committee. As Chair of the Committee, **Senate Majority Leader Dick Saslaw** cast the deciding vote against the bill.

After, much debate and negotiation, the legislation that passed the General Assembly during the regular session (**HB 2506** and **SB 1248**) contained two of our three initial goals: a strong definition of energy efficiency and a fair rate of return to incentivize energy efficiency investments. At the behest of **Senator John Watkins**, **HB 2506** also contained an industry-preferred study of the costs (but not the benefits) of energy efficiency. Sen. Watkins argued that energy efficiency would harm consumers in the form of increased electricity rates. **Senator Chap Petersen** countered this attempt to undermine the bill by questioning why energy efficiency should be singled out when new generation facilities, like coal-fired power plants, have a far greater impact on electricity rates. Additionally, **HB 2506**, as it passed the legislature, contained a hostile amendment that allowed Virginia's manufacturing sector to petition the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to opt out of energy efficiency programs if doing so would advance the goal of economic development in the Commonwealth.

**Governor Kaine** proposed several amendments to the enrolled energy bills. Most critically, with input from the conservation community, the Governor added a voluntary 19% Energy Efficiency Resource Standard back into **SB 1248**, along with mandatory annual reporting requirements for utilities. Under this amendment, utilities would file annual reports with the state on their progress toward achieving the 19% goal, and those reports would be published on a state-maintained website to facilitate watchdog efforts by the public. This amendment passed the Senate by a vote of 22-18. However, after the amendment was rejected by the House by a slim 47-50 margin, the bill was ultimately vetoed by the Governor in favor of **HB 2506**.

The Governor's amendment to Pollard's **HB 2506** struck the industry-favored study of costs and amended the manufacturers' opt-out provision to advance the goals of energy efficiency and environmental protection along side economic development. These amendments passed both chambers and were signed into law, further strengthening Virginia's first energy efficiency legislation.

### Rewarding Utilities at the Expense of Consumers

**Senator Frank Wagner** and **Delegate Terry Kilgore** introduced identical bills (**SB 1348** and **HB 2531**) that were originally meant to establish a goal for reduction in utilities' peak demand - the time period during which consumption is greatest. Utilities would be allowed to earn an enhanced rate



of return from their customers for demand response programs that met this goal. Concern over these bills centered upon two facts. First, peak demand reductions save money for a utility and are already in their best interest so no incentive is necessary. Second, these reductions do nothing to reduce the total amount of electricity used (unlike energy efficiency measures) but rather shift electricity use to non-peak parts of the day. Eventually, these bills morphed into an SCC study of cost-effective energy conservation and demand response. This study, however, will not include true energy efficiency in its analysis of peak electric load reductions. Additionally, SB 1348 and HB 2531 unnecessarily ease permitting of certain fossil fuel burning generation facilities.

### What Happens When a Small Energy Project Isn't Small?

The expansion of renewable energy projects is a laudable goal. However, **HB 2175**, introduced by **Delegate Clarke Hogan**, and **SB 1348**, introduced by **Senator Wagner**, represent misguided attempts to ease permitting requirements for so-called "small" renewable energy projects. As introduced, these bills would have exempted any project up to 100 megawatts (mW) from SCC review. After mid-session crossover, the maximum size for projects involving biomass, energy from waste, or municipal solid waste was lowered to 20 mW but solar, wind, falling water, wave motion, tides, or geothermal power projects remain at that 100 mW level. These are very large projects that could lead to environmental and other disturbances and



should go through a regular permitting process that includes site-specific environmental review. The American Wind Energy Association defines a small wind project as any less than 100 kilowatts. A 100 megawatt wind facility (1,000 times larger) would cover hundreds of acres. The conservation community is fully supportive of renewable energy projects but understands that any project should go through a permitting process to determine the impact it will have on the communities and land around it. While these bills were slightly improved to allow local input, they both passed the House and Senate overwhelmingly.

### The Myth of Offshore Drilling Revenue

Despite the huge risks to our coastal environment and economy and continued opposition from the Navy and NASA among others, offshore drilling legislation once again found its way to the General Assembly floor in the form of **Delegate Chris Saxman's HB 1633**. This bill sought to apportion funds from future drilling royalties to various programs including transportation, Bay clean up, and energy funds. The bill passed the House but was killed in the Senate Finance Committee with **Senator Mary Margaret Whipple** describing those potential revenues as "mythical money." Indeed mythical, as the Federal government projects a negligible amount of either gas or oil off the Atlantic coast and as Congress continues to oppose revenue sharing in any form with coastal states.

### Greenhouse Gas Inventory

When piled on top of debates over energy efficiency and offshore drilling, the fate of SB 1145 should make it clear that the General Assembly has not yet come to grips with the serious challenges posed by climate change. **SB 1145**, **Senator Whipple's** latest attempt to develop a greenhouse gas inventory, is a critical step toward responding to the threat of climate change. Despite its simplicity and a lack of opposition from most of the biggest affected industries this bill narrowly passed the Senate and was defeated in a House committee, as it had been during the 2008 session.

### Land Use and Transportation

#### More Comprehensive Transportation Planning and Investment

Promoting greater transportation choices and improving the link between transportation and land use is a priority issue for the Virginia conservation

community. Well-planned transportation projects make sense, not only for the environment, but for improving our communities and for ensuring taxpayer confidence. **HB 2420**, introduced by **Delegate Joe Bouchard**, and **SB 1475**, introduced by **Senator Donald McEachin**, expanded the authority of the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment to allow a more comprehensive approach to developing multi-modal policies and standards that lead to better coordination of transportation investment and land use planning.

**Delegate Tom Rust** and **Senator Tommy Norment**, agreed to incorporate these elements of HB 2420 and SB 1475 into their bills, **HB 2019** and **SB 1398**, which direct the Commonwealth Transportation Board, in conjunction with the Office of Intermodal Planning, to establish transportation corridors that not only take into account economic development issues, but environmental impacts, mobility, accessibility, and commuter choice as well. Both bills passed with support from the conservation community.

### Public Private Transportation Act

While the conservation community considers the Public Private Transportation Act (PPTA) to be an innovative funding source for major transportation projects, it is concerned with problems such as the lack of public review and input in the PPTA process and its potential to undermine sound planning. This concern was heightened with the introduction of **HB 2079** by **Delegate Glenn Oder**. HB 2079 sought to encourage PPTA proposals that increase the capacity of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel by shortening the timeframes for state review and mandating advancement of these proposals – regardless of their merits and impacts. The results of such a bill could have side-stepped necessary review processes while harming the advancement of stronger projects. Although the bill was endorsed as part of the House Republican Caucus' 2009 transportation funding plan and passed the House, it failed on the Senate Floor.

Another bill that would have significantly changed the timeframes under which VDOT reviews and implements PPTA projects was **HB 2066**, introduced by **Delegate Phil Hamilton**. HB 2066, much like HB 2079, also placed priority preference on certain Hampton Roads projects. While steps were taken by **Delegate Hamilton** to amend some of the more onerous sections of the bill, significant concerns remained related to shortened timeframes to review PPTA proposals. The bill failed to report from the Senate Transportation committee.



**HB 1579**, introduced by **Delegate Oder**, sought to provide funding for projects in Hampton Roads, Northern Virginia, the Richmond Highway Construction District, and the Staunton Highway Construction District. However, the bill contained PPTA provisions that, among other things, were likely to advance a number of destructive highway proposals, would change the PPTA review process for these projects only, lacked any standards for project selection, and did not provide adequate time to review complex proposals and financing. The result would have promoted outdated, asphalt-centered infrastructure that encourages sprawl, air and water pollution, energy consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. The conservation community drew attention to these flaws and helped to ensure defeat of the bill in the Senate Finance committee.

## Natural Resources

### Land Conservation Funding

Land conservation funding in the 2009 General Assembly session was spared the harshest ax, considering the intense fiscal pressures facing Virginia. Before the session began, there were calls for significant curtailment of the Land Preservation Tax Credit's (LPTC) \$100 million program cap. Fortunately, the Governor's introduced budget made only modest changes to the LPTC, lowering the amount that any one individual can claim from \$100,000 a year to \$50,000 per year in tax years 2009 and 2010, while extending the carry forward period for two years. Strong support from the Governor and members of the General Assembly allowed this modest change to stick and will enable land conservation efforts in Virginia to proceed at the rapid pace of the past three years.



Other land conservation program funding was reduced. The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation held onto its \$2 million for FY 2010. Unfortunately, the State Office of Farmland Protection, which administers the Purchase of Development Rights matching funds program, was cut back to \$500,000 for FY 2010. The budget of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, holder of nearly 80% of all conservation easements in Virginia, was cut by 5% although this reduction was not as severe as some other state agencies.

### Alternative Septic Systems

The alternative on-site septic system debate was one of the most heated during session. **Delegate Bob Hull** and **Senator Stephen Martin** introduced legislation that prohibits localities' ability to regulate and maintain specific kinds of sewage systems that are used on plots of land that cannot support conventional septic systems. This legislation came about because a few counties, including Loudoun, banned these systems in light of major problems they were having with extremely high system failure rates. These septic systems are more complicated than conventional systems and system failures can lead to toxic sewage leaks into ground water and major clean up problems. **HB 1788** and **SB 1276** force localities to accept alternative systems and regulate them according to Virginia Department of Health and Alternative Wastewater Industry regulations that do not even exist yet. An improving amendment from **Governor Kaine** was accepted by the General Assembly. It delays enactment of the legislation until regulations are drafted in 18 to 24 months. Despite this, the conservation community still considers both bills to be premature action that unnecessarily ties the hands of local officials and could have detrimental health and environmental effects in the future.

### Natural Resources Commitment Fund

**Senator Whipple** and **Delegate Steve Landes** introduced legislation, **SB 1050** and **HB 2351**, to provide consistent, stable funding to the Natural Resources Commitment Fund that assists farmers working to restore the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and Virginia rivers. Starting in fiscal year 2011, funding would have been no less than \$30 million. The General Assembly did not agree to this ongoing binding budgetary obligation but acknowledged the importance of working through a public-private partnership with farmers to restore water quality by investing \$20 million for fiscal year 2010. Additionally, they codified a process that identifies the annual agricultural need for water quality improvements. This investment represented the only increase in natural resources funding during a fiscally challenging year.

## Bipartisan Redistricting

During the 2009 session, the Virginia Redistricting Coalition, a collection of faith, business and civic organizations, including the Virginia League of Conservation Voters, continued to help push for reform to Virginia's redistricting process. **Delegate Shannon Valentine's HB 1685** and **Senator Creigh Deeds' SB 926** both would have established a bipartisan redistricting commission that would be charged with redrawing Virginia's political boundaries after the 2010 U.S. Census. This process has traditionally been in the hands of the party that controls the General Assembly and the Governor's mansion. The result has been non-competitive districts that benefit incumbents of one party or the other and prevent voters from holding their representatives accountable for their actions. In fact, only 17 of the 140 legislative districts saw competitive elections in 2007. Changing this dynamic will put electoral decisions back in the hands of voters and benefit policy innovation in areas like conservation.

Redistricting reform enjoyed more success than ever before this year as SB 926 passed with unanimous bipartisan support in the Senate, along with support from **Governor Kaine** and **Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling**. Unfortunately, as it has in years past, the House Republican majority on the House Privileges and Elections committee voted to oppose this common sense reform to restore confidence in Virginia's redistricting process by removing politics from the equation. The upcoming elections in November will now determine the fate of redistricting reform. The new General Assembly and Governor can take up the issue in 2010 (the last session before districts are redrawn in 2011) and vote to add accountability and integrity to the process.

Notable  
Number

0 & 13

Zero Senators voting against bipartisan redistricting reform while 13 Delegates prevented this good government reform from passing by voting against it in the House Privileges and Elections committee.

# SENATE & HOUSE BILLS

## Vote Key Legend

✓ VALCV Supported Bill    ✗ VALCV Opposed Bill

### ✓ SB 926 and HB 1685: Bipartisan Redistricting Commission

**Patron: Sen. Creigh Deeds and Del. Shannon Valentine**

Establishes a seven-member temporary commission to prepare redistricting plans in 2011 and each tenth year thereafter for the House of Delegates, state Senate, and congressional districts. Appointments to the Commission shall be made one each by the four majority and minority party leaders of the House and Senate and by the state chairmen of the two major political parties. *SB 926 was passed unanimously by the Senate before being killed in a subcommittee of House Privileges and Elections. The Senate floor vote on SB 926 and the House committee vote on HB 1685 are included in the Scorecard (Senate: 39-Y, 0-N; House: 9-Y, 12-N).*

### ✓ SB 1050: Natural Resources Commitment Fund

**Patron: Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple**

Provides for the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to determine the annual funding needs for agricultural best management practices (BMPs) and to provide the same to the Governor. *Initially, SB 1050 sought to require that the Governor include ample funds for agricultural BMPs in the budget. The version*

*that passed into law simply requires that DCR provide the Governor with information about needed funds. The Senate floor vote on the original bill is included in the Scorecard (21-Y, 18-N).*

### ✓ SB 1145: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting

**Patron: Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple**

Requires the adoption of regulations requiring the reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from certain stationary sources and that the Virginia Department of Transportation supply information for a statewide greenhouse gas inventory for roads. *SB 1145 would only have required GHG reporting from stationary sources that already report other emissions and required reporting of readily available information from transportation sources. The bill passed the Senate before stalling in the House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committee. The Senate floor vote and the House committee vote are included in the Scorecard (Senate: 22-Y, 18-N; House: 8-Y, 12-N).*

### ✓ SB 1248: Governor's Amendment: Statewide Goal for Energy

**Efficiency Programs**

**Patron: Sen. Ralph Northam**

Creates a voluntary goal to meet 19% of

energy demand with energy efficiency programs by 2025 and requires utilities to report on measures they have taken to meet the goal. *Originally, SB 1248 sought to establish a mandatory Energy Efficiency Resource Standard of 19% by 2025. This provision was first made voluntary and then stripped out despite general agreement from utilities. The Governor's amendment attempted to insert the voluntary provision back into the bill. It passed the Senate but was narrowly defeated in the House. The Senate and House floor votes on the Governor's amendments are included in the Scorecard (Senate: 22-Y, 18-N; House: 47-Y, 50-N).*

### ✗ SB 1276 and HB 1788: Alternative On-Site Sewage Systems

**Patrons: Sen. Stephen Martin and Del. Bob Hull**

Clarifies a locality's power to regulate nonconventional sewage disposal systems by prohibiting localities from prohibiting the use of such systems. *These bills restrict localities' ability to regulate and maintain alternative on-site septic systems, even in the absence of Virginia Department of Health and industry installation and maintenance regulations. The House floor vote on SB 1276 and the Senate floor vote on HB 1788 are included in the Scorecard (House: 79-Y, 19-N; Senate: 37-Y, 3-N). (Delegates Eisenberg, Lingamfelter, Plum, Saxman and Valentine stated that they were recorded as voting "yea" while they intended to vote "nay." Delegate Tyler stated that she was recorded as voting "nay" while she intended to vote "yea." VALCV counts their "NVs" neutrally.)*

### ✓ SB 1339: Electric Utility Regulation

**Patron: Sen. Mark Herring**  
Extends the voluntary renewable portfolio standard to 15 percent by 2025. The measure also includes provisions for dynamic rates and net energy metering. *The initial bill contained an enhanced rate of return incentive for investments in energy efficiency*

*programs. This provision was stripped out and a reenactment clause, requiring the 2010 General Assembly to "reenact" the bill before it becomes effective, was placed on the bill in the House before final passage. The Senate floor vote on the House substitute is included in the Scorecard (26-Y, 13-N).*

### ✗ SB 1347 and HB 2175: "Small" Renewable Energy Projects

**Patrons: Sen. Frank Wagner and Del. Clarke Hogan**

Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to develop a permit by rule for the construction and operation of small renewable energy projects that have a maximum capacity of 100 megawatts (mW) if they generate electricity from sunlight, wind, or falling water, wave motion, tides, or geothermal power, or 20 megawatts if they generate electricity from biomass, energy from waste, or municipal solid waste. *These bills exempt large renewable projects (100 mW projects could cover hundreds of acres of land) from more comprehensive environmental permit requirements. After many attempts to improve these bills and draw attention to their consequences, they passed through both the House and Senate and were signed by the Governor. The House floor vote on SB 1347 and the Senate floor vote on HB 2175 are included in the Scorecard (House: 76-Y, 21-N; Senate: 32-Y, 5-N, 1-Abs). (Delegates Frederick and Vanderhye stated that they were recorded as voting "yea" while they intended to vote "nay." Delegate Armstrong stated that he was recorded as voting "nay" while he intended to vote "yea." Delegate Toscano stated that he was recorded as "not voting" while he intended to vote "nay." Senator Ruff stated that he was recorded as "not voting" while he intended to vote "yea." VALCV counts all of these "NVs" neutrally.)*

### ✗ SB 1348: Demand-Side Management Programs

**Patron: Sen. Frank Wagner**

Directs the State Corporation



Commission (SCC) to conduct a proceeding to determine achievable, cost-effective energy conservation and demand response targets that can be accomplished through demand-side management portfolios administered by generating electric utilities. The Air Pollution Control Board is required to adopt a general permit for certain generation facilities that participate in voluntary demand response programs and for the use of back-up generation, in order to allow emergency generation sources to operate during periods that the independent system operator has notified electric utilities that an emergency exists or may occur. *This complicated bill went through many incarnations as it passed through both the House and Senate. The conservation community was concerned with this bill primarily because it does not consider true energy efficiency measures as a form of peak electric load reduction. Despite efforts to improve this bill, it passed through both the House and Senate with wide margins. The Senate and House floor votes are included in the Scorecard (Senate: 34-Y, 5-N; House: 77-Y, 20-N). (Delegate McQuinn stated that she was recorded as "not voting" while she intended to vote "yea." VALCV counts her "NV" neutrally.)*

✓ **SB 1447: Energy Efficiency Resource Standard**

**Patron: Sen. Donald McEachin**  
Requires investor-owned electric utilities and electric cooperatives to implement energy efficiency programs. Utilities are eligible to recover costs of approved programs that achieve quantifiable, observable savings where the scope of the program is sufficient to reduce demand from retail customers by amounts needed to attain a targeted 19 percent consumption reduction goal by 2025. *This bill was the "gold standard" energy efficiency bill for the conservation community. It would have given*

*the same incentive for investments in energy efficiency as is allocated for new generation facilities and required that efficiency measures be undertaken. Though it was only one vote short, SB 1447 was passed by indefinitely (PBI) by the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee. The Senate committee vote is included in the Scorecard (8-Y, 7-N – a "no" vote was in support of the bill).*

✗ **HB 1579: Transportation Funding**  
**Patron: Del. Glenn Oder**

Provides for transportation funding and administration in Hampton Roads, Northern Virginia, the Richmond Highway Construction District, the Staunton Highway Construction District, and the Salem Highway Construction District. *This bill would have provided funds to outdated, asphalt-driven road projects in certain parts of the state. After passing the House, it was defeated in the Senate Finance Committee. The House floor vote is included in the Scorecard (67-Y, 31-N). (Delegate Lohr stated that he was recorded as "not voting" while he intended to vote "yea." Delegate O. Ware stated that he was recorded as voting "yea" while he intended to vote "nay." VALCV counts their "NVs" neutrally.)*

✗ **HB 1633: Offshore Drilling Royalties**

**Patron: Del. Chris Saxman**  
Apportions any royalties that the Commonwealth might receive from offshore drilling for natural gas and oil among the Transportation Trust Fund, Renewable Electricity Production Grant Fund, the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium, and programs developed by the Secretary of Natural Resources to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. *This bill represents the latest effort by supporters of offshore drilling to pass legislation to put Virginia on the record supporting drilling. After passing the House, the Senate Finance Committee was able to defeat the bill. The House floor vote and the Senate*

*committee vote are included in the Scorecard (House: 58-Y 41-N; Senate: 9-Y, 5-N, 2-Abs – the Senate "yes" vote was to defeat the bill). (Delegate Crockett-Stark stated that she was recorded as voting "nay" while she intended to vote "yea." VALCV counts her "NV" neutrally.)*

✓ **HB 1828: Green Roof Construction**

**Patron: Del. William Fralin**  
Allows localities and water authorities to offer rate incentives for green roof construction. *This bill helps promote the greater use of green roofs by providing localities the freedom to offer much needed incentives for installation. HB 1828 easily passed both the House and Senate. The House floor vote is included in the Scorecard (96-Y, 3-N).*

✓ **HB 1918: Coal Combustion By-Products**

**Patron: Del. Anne Crockett-Stark**  
Requires a solid waste permit to authorize the placement of unamended coal combustion byproduct in a 100-year flood plain. *Requiring permits before coal flyash can be used in the flood plain is a common-sense measure to help prevent toxins from entering our water. HB 1918 easily passed both the House and Senate. The House floor vote is included in the Scorecard (89-Y, 10-N).*

✗ **HB 2066: Streamlining PPTA**

**Patron: Del. Phil Hamilton**  
Establishes provisions that apply when the Virginia Department of Transportation considers a proposal for a transportation facility. *This bill would have required VDOT to streamline timelines and act upon proposals within 60 days. This and other arbitrary timelines would lead to wasted time and money on weak proposals. HB 2066 passed the House before being left in Senate Transportation. The House floor vote is included in the Scorecard (68-Y, 29-N, 1 Abs). (Delegate Lohr stated that he was recorded as "not voting" while he intended to vote "yea." Delegate P. Miller stated*

*that she was recorded as voting "nay" while she intended to vote "yea." VALCV counts their "NVs" neutrally.)*

✗ **HB 2079: Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel**

**Patron: Del. Glenn Oder**  
Directs the Virginia Department of Transportation to accept unsolicited proposals to add capacity to the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel. *HB 2079 passed the House before being left in Senate Transportation. The House floor vote is included in the Scorecard (65-Y, 31-N, 1 Abs). (Delegate Lohr stated that he was recorded as "not voting" while he intended to vote "yea." VALCV counts his "NV" neutrally.)*

✓ **HB 2506: Energy Efficiency Incentives**

**Patron: Del. Albert Pollard**  
Authorizes investor-owned electric utilities to recover, through a rate adjustment clause, the costs of designing, implementing, and operating energy efficiency programs, including a general rate of return on operating expenses, if such programs are found to be in the public interest. The Governor's amendment requires the State Corporation Commission to take into consideration the goals of energy efficiency and environmental protection. *This bill represents a step forward for energy efficiency in Virginia. The Governor's amendments were positive in that they promote efficiency and delete unnecessary bureaucratic hoops. The House and Senate floor votes on the bill, both during the regular session and on the Governor's amendments, are included in the Scorecard (House: 99-Y, 0-N; House on amendments: 47-Y, 44-N; Senate: 20-Y, 18-N; Senate on amendments: 23-Y, 17-N). (Senator Wagner stated that he was recorded as voting "yea" on the Governor's amendment in the Senate while he intended to vote "nay." VALCV counts his "NV" neutrally.)*

## The Importance of Bill Patrons

The Virginia League of Conservation Voters wishes to acknowledge the efforts of those legislators who took the initiative to promote conservation legislation by sponsoring a bill.

These patrons will receive an additional “plus” vote in a separate column on the Scorecard. See the chart below for our 2009 bill patrons.

*Note that only one Patron “extra” credit is allocated per legislator. Some legislators patroned a number of conservation bills.*

## Bill Patron Credits

### Citizen Involvement

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Dance	HB 1621	No excuse absentee voting
Del. Valentine	HB 1685	Bi-partisan redistricting commission
Sen. Howell	SB 810	No excuse absentee voting
Sen. Deeds	SB 926	Bi-partisan redistricting commission

### Energy

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Fralin	HB 1828	Green roof construction
Del. Crockett-Stark	HB 1918	Use of coal combustion by-products in a flood plain
Del. McClellan	HB 2105	Electric utility regulation
Del. Toscano	HB 2155	Net energy metering
Del. Plum	HB 2176	Establishment of electric energy efficiency standards
Del. Vanderhuy	HB 2202	Mandatory reporting of greenhouse gas emissions
Del. Nutter	HB 2372	Electric utility rates
Del. Bouchard	HB 2419	Requirement of solid-waste permit in dealing with fossil fuels
Del. Pollard	HB 2506	Energy efficiency incentives
Del. Rust	HB 2151	School boards required to prepare approved energy conservation
Sen. Quayle	SB 1004	Energy efficient buildings for local taxes
Sen. Petersen	SB 1126	Electric energy consumption reduction goal
Sen. Whipple	SB 1145	Mandatory reporting of greenhouse gas emissions
Sen. Northam	SB 1248	Establishment of electric energy efficiency standards
Sen. Herring	SB 1339	Electric utility regulation
Sen. Herring	SB 1440	Electric utilities integrated resource plan

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Sen. McEachin	SB 1447	Establishment of Energy Efficiency Resource Standard
Sen. Edwards	SB 865	Use of coal combustion by-products in a flood plain

### Land Conservation

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Sen. Deeds	SB 957	Expands Rivanna Scenic River
Sen. Hanger	SB 1024	Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund

### Land Use & Transportation

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Ware, R.L.	HB 1648	Impact on Virginia's scenic byways
Del. Rust	HB 2019	Statewide Transportation Plan
Del. Fralin	HB 2088	Public access issues around new railroad projects
Del. Bouchard	HB 2420	Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment updates
Del. Valentine	HB 2664	Development of local corridor plans
Sen. Norment	SB 1398	Statewide Transportation Plan
Sen. McEachin	SB 1475	Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment updates

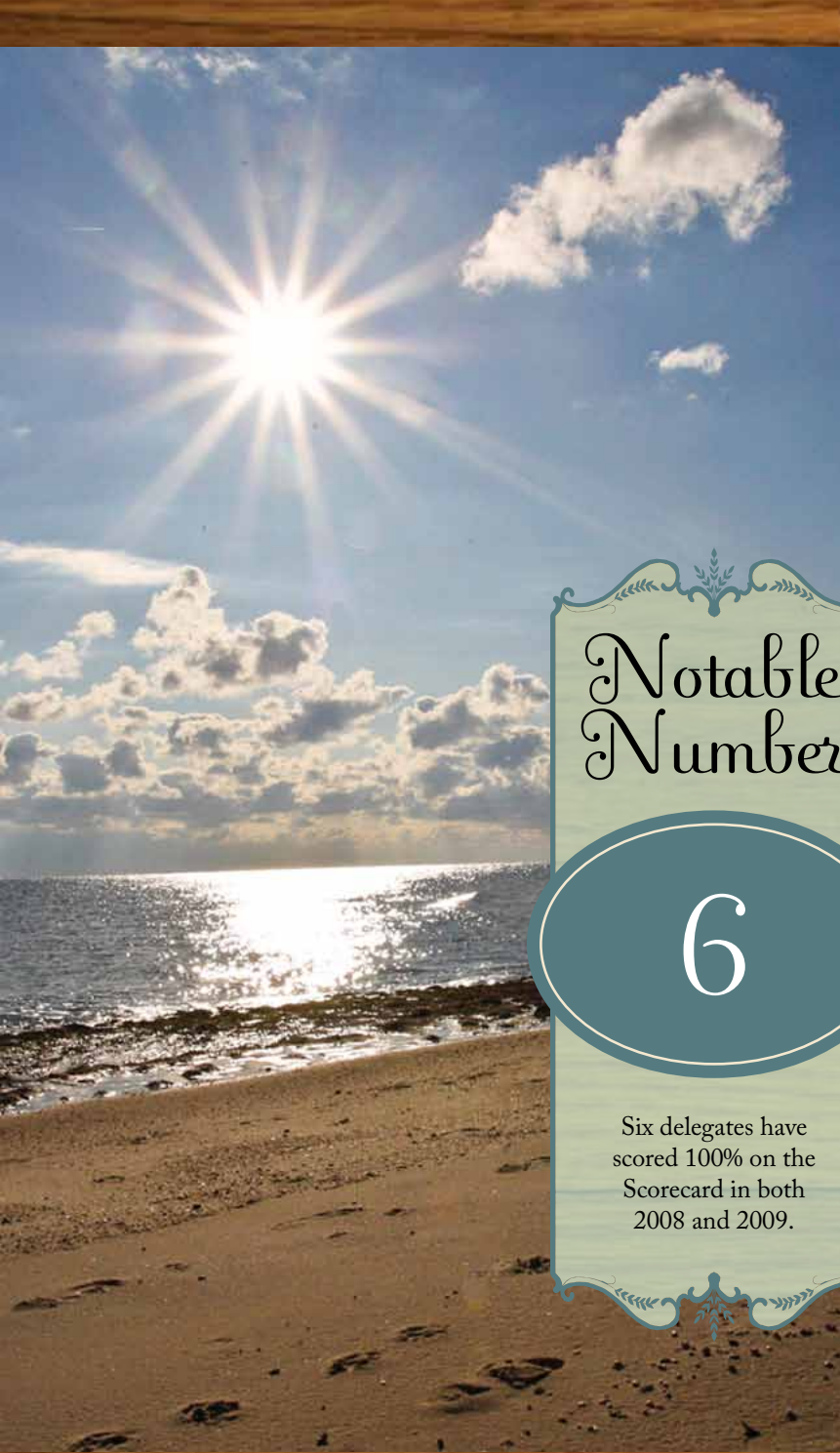
### Waste

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Toscano	HB 1836	School boards to adopt pest management program
Sen. Ticer	SB 930	Statewide waste management plan

### Water

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Pollard	HB 1775	Invasive species
Del. Landes	HB 2351	Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund
Sen. Whipple	SB 1050	Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund
Sen. Quayle	SB 1211	Invasive species
Sen. Hanger	SB 513	Funding non-point source pollution reduction





# Notable Number

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Six delegates have scored 100% on the Scorecard in both 2008 and 2009.

## Bills Opposed by VALCV

The legislators listed below sponsored bills opposed by the conservation community. This has not been reflected in their overall Scorecard score.

### Energy

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Saxman	HB 1633	Offshore drilling royalties
Del. Hogan	HB 2175	Renewable energy project permitting
Del. J. Miller	HB 2525	Renewable energy project permitting
Del. Kilgore	HB 2531	Demand response programs
Sen. Puckett	SB 1194	Renewable energy project permitting
Sen. Wagner	SB 1347	Renewable energy project permitting
Sen. Wagner	SB 1348	Demand response programs

### Land Conservation

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Knight	HB 2565	Lease of development rights program

### Land Use & Transportation

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Oder	HB 1579	Changes to the Public Private Transportation Act
Del. Hamilton	HB 2066	Public Private Transportation Act - streamlined proposals
Del. Oder	HB 2079	Public Private Transportation Act - unsolicited proposals
Del. J. Miller	HB 2130	Highway construction funds
Del. Hall	HB 2613	Phasing out cash proffer system

### Water

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Hull	HB 1788	Alternative on-site septic systems
Del. Merricks	HB 2294	Alternative on-site septic systems
Sen. Martin	SB 1276	Alternative on-site septic systems

## Committee Snapshots

The ten committees highlighted are especially important to conservation because so many bills affecting natural resources and growth are referred to them.

### Senate Agriculture, Conservation & Natural Resources

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Blevins	R	14	10%
Deeds	D	25	91%
Hanger	R	24	17%
McDougle	R	4	10%
McEachin	D	9	100%
Northam	D	6	73%
Obenshain	R	26	13%
Petersen	D	34	82%
Puckett	D	38	73%
Reynolds	D	20	73%
Ruff	R	15	11%
Stuart	R	28	20%
Ticer (Chair)	D	30	73%
Watkins	R	10	8%
Whipple	D	31	75%

Committee Average: 49%

### Senate Commerce and Labor

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Colgan	D	29	67%
Edwards	D	21	83%
Herring	D	33	83%
McEachin	D	9	100%
Miller, Y.	D	5	75%
Newman	R	23	11%
Norment	R	3	15%
Puckett	D	38	73%
Puller	D	36	73%

Saslaw (Chair)	D	35	73%
Stolle	R	8	18%
Stosch	R	12	8%
Wagner	R	7	10%
Wampler	R	40	8%
Watkins	R	10	8%

Committee Average: 47%

### Senate Finance

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Colgan (Chair)	D	29	67%
Hanger	R	24	17%
Houck	D	17	82%
Howell	D	32	75%
Lucas	D	18	80%
Marsh	D	16	73%
Miller, Y.	D	5	75%
Norment	R	3	15%
Quayle	R	13	27%
Reynolds	D	20	73%
Saslaw	D	35	73%
Stolle	R	8	18%
Stosch	R	12	8%
Wampler	R	40	8%
Watkins	R	10	8%
Whipple	D	31	75%

Committee Average: 48%

### Senate Local Government

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Cuccinelli	R	37	10%

Hanger	R	24	17%
Herring	D	33	83%
Locke	D	2	67%
Lucas (Chair)	D	18	80%
Marsh	D	16	73%
Martin	R	11	10%
Obenshain	R	26	13%
Puller	D	36	73%
Quayle	R	13	27%
Reynolds	D	20	73%
Ruff	R	15	11%
Smith	R	22	10%
Stuart	R	28	20%
Ticer	D	30	73%

Committee Average: 43%

### Senate Transportation

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Blevins	R	14	10%
Cuccinelli	R	37	10%
Deeds	D	25	91%
Houck	D	17	82%
Marsh	D	16	73%
McDougle	R	4	10%
Miller, J.	D	1	70%
Miller, Y. (Chair)	D	5	75%
Newman	R	23	11%
Petersen	D	34	82%
Puckett	D	38	73%
Smith	R	22	10%
Ticer	D	30	73%
Wagner	R	7	10%
Watkins	R	10	8%

Committee Average: 46%

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Cost of energy efficiency per kilowatt hour. Less than half the cost of any other form of energy generation and more than three times cheaper than new coal generation.



### House Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Bouchard	D	83	77%
Bulova	D	37	85%
Cox	R	66	15%
Eisenberg	D	47	92%
Hogan	R	60	8%
Lewis	D	100	77%
Lohr	R	26	30%
Marshall, D.	R	14	23%
Mathieson	D	21	62%
Morgan (Chair)	R	98	25%
Orrock	R	54	23%
Plum	D	36	100%
Pogge	R	96	23%
Poindexter	R	9	23%
Saxman	R	20	25%
Scott, E	R	30	38%
Shannon	D	35	92%
Sherwood	R	29	15%
Shuler	D	12	67%
Vanderhye	D	34	77%
Ware, R.L.	R	65	21%
Wright	R	61	25%

Committee Average: 47%

### House Appropriations

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Abbitt	I	59	33%
BaCote	D	95	33%
Bowling	D	3	42%
Brink	D	48	92%
Cox	R	66	15%
Dance	D	63	62%
Hamilton	R	93	25%
Hogan	R	60	8%

Howell, A.	D	90	58%
Ingram	R	62	23%
Joannou	D	79	31%
Jones, S.C.	R	76	23%
Landes	R	25	36%
Lingamfelter	R	31	45%
May	R	33	33%
Morgan	R	98	25%
O'Bannon	R	73	23%
Phillips	D	2	54%
Putney (Chair)	I	19	31%
Scott, J.	D	53	92%
Shannon	D	35	92%
Sherwood	R	29	15%
Tata	R	85	27%
Ware, O.	D	11	60%

Committee Average: 41%

### House Commerce and Labor

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Alexander	D	89	77%
Byron	R	22	25%
Cline	R	24	33%
Hargrove	R	55	25%
Hugo	R	40	36%
Janis	R	56	8%
Joannou	D	79	31%
Johnson	D	4	42%
Kilgore (Chair)	R	1	17%
Lewis	D	100	77%
Marshall, D.	R	14	23%
McClellan	D	71	100%
Melvin	D	80	64%
Morgan	R	98	25%
Nixon	R	27	17%
Plum	D	36	100%
Purkey	R	82	27%

Rust	R	86	46%
Saxman	R	20	25%
Sickles	D	43	100%
Ward	D	92	64%
Ware, R.L.	R	65	21%

Committee Average: 45%

### House Counties, Cities & Towns

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Caputo	D	67	82%
Crockett-Stark	R	6	42%
Hall	D	69	60%
Hull	D	38	92%
Iaquinto	R	84	25%
Ingram (Chair)	R	62	23%
Knight	R	81	25%
Lohr	R	26	30%
Marshall, D.	R	14	23%
Marshall, R.	R	13	50%
Massie	R	72	25%
McQuinn	D	70	64%
Merricks	R	16	25%
Nichols	D	51	58%
Oder	R	94	25%
Orrock	R	54	23%
Pollard	D	99	92%
Poindexter	R	9	23%
Poisson	D	32	63%
Saxman	R	20	25%
Spruill	D	77	75%
Ware, O.	D	11	60%

Committee Average: 46%

### House Transportation

Member	Party	Dist	Score
BaCote	D	95	33%
Brink	D	48	92%

Carrico	R	5	25%
Cosgrove	R	78	23%
Ebbin	D	49	100%
Fralin	R	17	38%
Gear	R	91	40%
Hugo	R	40	36%
Knight	R	81	25%
Loupassi	R	68	25%
Marsden	D	41	83%
May (Chair)	R	33	33%
McQuinn	D	70	64%
Nichols	D	51	58%
Oder	R	94	25%
Rust	R	86	46%
Saxman	R	20	25%
Scott, E.	R	30	38%
Tata	R	85	27%
Toscano	D	57	100%
Valentine	D	23	83%
Ward	D	92	64%

Committee Average: 49%



# SENATE SCORECARD

✓ = Right   ✗ = Wrong   NV = Not Voting   AB = Abstained

Senator	District	Party	HB 1633: Offshore Drilling	SB 1447: EERS	SB 926: Bipartisan Redistricting	SB 1050: Natural Resources Commitment Fund	SB 1145: Greenhouse Gas Reporting	SB 1339: Electric Utility Regulation	SB 1348: Demand Response Programs	HB 1788: Alternative Septic Systems	HB 2175: Renewable Energy Projects	HB 2506: Energy Efficiency Programs	SB 1248: Voluntary EERS	HB 2506: Efficiency Study	Patron Credit	2009 Score	2008 Score	Cumulative Score Since 2000
Barker	39	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%	88%	83%
Blevins	14	R			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		10%	63%	28%
Colgan	29	D	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		67%	88%	52%
Cuccinelli	37	R			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		10%	50%	27%
Deeds	25	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	91%	89%	86%
Edwards	21	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	83%	89%	78%
Hanger	24	R	✗		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	1	17%	44%	35%
Herring	33	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	1	83%	89%	86%
Houck	17	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		82%	100%	83%
Howell	32	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	1	75%	75%	82%
Hurt	19	R			✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		20%	25%	40%
Locke	2	D			NV	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		67%	89%	81%
Lucas	18	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%	71%	63%
Marsh	16	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		73%	75%	66%
Martin	11	R			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		10%	43%	25%
McDougle	4	R			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		10%	25%	40%



Senator	District	Party	HB 1633: Offshore Drilling	SB 1447: EERS	SB 926: Bipartisan Redistricting	SB 1050: Natural Resources Commitment Fund	SB 1145: Greenhouse Gas Reporting	SB 1339: Electric Utility Regulation	SB 1348: Demand Response Programs	HB 1788: Alternative Septic Systems	HB 2175: Renewable Energy Projects	HB 2506: Energy Efficiency Programs	SB 1248: Voluntary EERS	HB 2506: Efficiency Study	Patron Credit	2009 Score	2008 Score	Cumulative Score Since 2000
McEachin	9	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	1	100%	78%	77%
Miller, J	1	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		70%	75%	72%
Miller, Y	5	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		75%	86%	67%
Newman	23	R		✗	✓	✗	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	NV	✗	✗		11%	38%	25%
Norment	3	R	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	1	15%	50%	38%
Northam	6	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	1	73%	88%	79%
Obenshain	26	R			✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	AB	✗	✗	✗		13%	56%	34%
Petersen	34	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	1	82%	89%	86%
Puckett	38	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		73%	75%	60%
Puller	36	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		73%	89%	73%
Quayle	13	R	AB		✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	1	27%	63%	37%
Reynolds	20	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		73%	78%	68%
Ruff	15	R			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗		11%	50%	23%
Saslaw	35	D	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	NV	✓	✓	✓		73%	75%	57%
Smith	22	R			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		10%	38%	22%
Stolle	8	R	AB	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		18%	44%	27%
Stosch	12	R	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		8%	50%	32%
Stuart	28	R			✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		20%	78%	47%
Ticer	30	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	1	73%	89%	86%
Vogel	27	R			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		90%	89%	89%
Wagner	7	R		✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV		10%	67%	26%
Wampler	40	R	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		8%	14%	25%
Watkins	10	R	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		8%	67%	31%
Whipple	31	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	1	75%	78%	84%

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Pro-conservation  
energy bills  
introduced in 2009.

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Abbitt	59	I			✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		33%	63%	51%
Albo	42	R	✗		✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗		31%	50%	39%
Alexander	89	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓		77%	100%	75%
Amundson	44	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		92%	88%	77%
Armstrong	10	D			✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	NV	✗	✓	✓		73%	86%	67%
Athey	18	R			✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		75%	100%	73%
BaCote	95	D			✗	NV	NV	NV	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓		33%	100%	59%
Barlow	64	D			✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓		50%	100%	58%
Bell	58	R	✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		23%	50%	42%
Bouchard	83	D		✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	NV	✓	1	77%	100%	86%
Bowling	3	D			✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		42%	67%	47%
Brink	48	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		92%	100%	83%
Bulova	37	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓		85%	100%	88%
Byron	22	R			✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		25%	29%	36%
Caputo	67	D			✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	NV	✓		82%	100%	88%
Carrico	5	R			✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		25%	29%	30%



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Cline	24	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	x		33%	25%	37%
Cole	88	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x		46%	57%	56%
Cosgrove	78	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		23%	56%	46%
Cox	66	R		x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		15%	50%	41%
Crockett-Stark	6	R			x	NV	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	1	42%	43%	44%
Dance	63	D	✓		x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	NV	✓	1	62%	100%	71%
Ebbin	49	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%	100%	96%
Eisenberg	47	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	x	✓	✓		92%	100%	90%
Englin	45	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%	100%	97%
Fralin	17	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	1	38%	78%	60%
Frederick	52	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓		75%	100%	74%
Gear	91	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	NV	NV		40%	43%	50%
Gilbert	15	R			x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		8%	71%	39%
Griffith	8	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	NV	x	x	x	x		27%	63%	48%
Hall	69	D			✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	NV	NV	✓	✓		60%	100%	66%
Hamilton	93	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		25%	57%	40%
Hargrove	55	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	NV	x		25%	44%	41%
Herring	46	D			x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓		83%	*	83%
Hogan	60	R		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		8%	56%	32%
Howell, A	90	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓		58%	100%	57%
Howell, W	28	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		25%	63%	46%
Hugo	40	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	NV	x	x	✓	x		36%	75%	52%
Hull	38	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓		92%	100%	72%
Iaquinto	84	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		25%	57%	45%
Ingram	62	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		23%	50%	40%

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Janis	56	R			x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		8%	43%	35%
Joannou	79	D	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		31%	67%	45%
Johnson	4	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		42%	63%	46%
Jones, SC	76	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		23%	56%	41%
Kilgore	1	R			x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		17%	44%	33%
Knight	81	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		25%	*	25%
Landes	25	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	1	36%	56%	49%
Lewis	100	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓		77%	100%	86%
Lingamfelter	31	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	NV	x	x	✓	✓		45%	71%	58%
Lohr	26	R		x	NV	x	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	x	x	x	x	x		30%	43%	40%
Loupassi	68	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		25%	57%	37%
Marsden	41	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓		83%	100%	78%
Marshall, D	14	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	NV		23%	29%	32%
Marshall, R	13	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓		50%	100%	70%
Massie	72	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		25%	43%	32%
Mathieson	21	D		✓	x	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓		62%	100%	75%
May	33	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		33%	63%	53%
McClellan	71	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	100%	100%	97%
McQuinn	70	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	NV	✓	✓		64%	*	64%
Melvin	80	D			✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	NV	✓		64%	100%	68%
Merricks	16	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		25%	50%	35%
Miller, J	50	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		23%	50%	38%
Miller, P	87	D			x	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	x	x	x	NV	✓		60%	100%	63%
Morgan	98	R		NV	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		25%	63%	55%
Morrissey	74	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓		85%	100%	90%
Nichols	51	D			x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓		58%	100%	74%



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Nixon	27	R			x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		17%	50%	39%
Nutter	7	R			x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	1	38%	57%	54%
O'Bannon	73	R	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		23%	38%	44%
Oder	94	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		25%	57%	41%
Orrock	54	R		x	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		23%	43%	43%
Peace	97	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	NV	x		27%	63%	55%
Phillips	2	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		54%	83%	49%
Plum	36	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	100%	100%	89%
Pogge	96	R		x	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		23%	43%	30%
Poindexter	9	R		x	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		23%	43%	30%
Poisson	32	D			NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	x	x	x	✓	✓		63%	100%	70%
Pollard	99	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	92%	100%	96%
Purkey	82	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	NV	x	x	x		27%	57%	39%
Putney	19	I	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	x		31%	38%	36%
Rust	86	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓	1	46%	57%	54%
Saxman	20	R		x	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	NV	x	x	x	x		25%	50%	40%
Scott, E	30	R		x	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓		38%	50%	42%
Scott, J	53	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓		92%	100%	86%
Shannon	35	D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓		92%	100%	82%
Sherwood	29	R		x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x		15%	43%	36%
Shuler	12	D		NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓		67%	100%	75%
Sickles	43	D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	AB	AB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%	100%	91%
Spruill	77	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓		75%	88%	59%
Tata	85	R			x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	NV		27%	71%	46%
Toscano	57	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	1	100%	100%	94%
Tyler	75	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	NV	x	x	✓	✓		73%	86%	67%

Delegate	District	Party	HB 1685: Bipartisan Redistricting	SB 1145: Greenhouse Gas Reporting	HB 1579: PPTA Changes	HB 1633: Offshore Drilling	HB 1828: Green Roofs	HB 1918: Fly-Ash Permitting	HB 2066: Streamlining PPTA	HB 2079: Unsolicited PPTA Proposals	HB 2506: Energy Efficiency Programs	SB 1276: Alternative Septic Systems	SB 1347: Renewable Energy Projects	SB 1348: Demand Response Programs	HB 2506: SCC Considerations	SB 1248: 19% EERS	Patron Credit	2009 Score	2008 Score	Cumulative Score Since 2000
Valentine	23	D			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	✓	✓	1	83%	100%	85%
Vanderhye	34	D		✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	NV	✗	✓	✓	1	77%	100%	86%
Ward	92	D			✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	NV	✓	✓		64%	100%	67%
Ware, L	65	R		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	1	21%	43%	48%
Ware, O	11	D			NV	✗	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓		60%	100%	61%
Watts	39	D			✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓		67%	100%	78%
Wright	61	R		✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	NV	✗		25%	29%	40%

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House of Delegates  
seats up for election  
in November. Eight  
are open seats.



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District	Name	Party	Mailing Address	Phone	Email
59	Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr.	I	P.O. Box 683, Appomattox, VA 24522	(434) 352-2880	DelWAbbitt@house.state.va.us
42	David B. Albo	R	6367 Rolling Mill Place, Suite 102, Springfield, VA 22152	(703) 451-3555	DelDAlbo@house.state.va.us
89	Kenneth C. Alexander	D	7246 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23505	(757) 628-1000	DelKAlexander@house.state.va.us
44	Kristen J. Amundson	D	P.O. Box 143, Mount Vernon, VA 22121	(703) 619-0444	DelKAmundson@house.state.va.us
10	Ward L. Armstrong	D	P.O. Box 1431, Martinsville, VA 24114	(276) 632-7022	DelWArmstrong@house.state.va.us
18	Clifford L. Athey, Jr.	R	35 N. Royal Avenue, Front Royal, VA 22630	(540) 635-2123	DelCAthey@house.state.va.us
95	Mamye E. BaCote	D	2600 Washington Avenue, Suite 1000, Newport News, VA 23607	(757) 244-4415	DelMbaCote@house.state.va.us
64	William K. Barlow	D	P.O. Box 240, Smithfield, VA 23431	(757) 357-9720	DelWBarlow@house.state.va.us
58	Robert B. Bell	R	2309 Finch Court, Charlottesville, VA 22911	(434) 245-8900	DelRBell@house.state.va.us
83	Joseph F. Bouchard	D	P. O. Box 68726, Virginia Beach, VA 23471	(757) 333-2527	DelJBouchard@house.state.va.us
3	Dan C. Bowling	D	P.O. Box 429, Oakwood, VA 24631	(276) 498-7207	DelDBowling@house.state.va.us
48	Robert H. Brink	D	P.O. Box 7668, Arlington, VA 22207	(703) 531-1048	DelRBrink@house.state.va.us
37	David L. Bulova	D	P.O. Box 106, Fairfax Station, VA 22039	(703) 310-6752	DelDBulova@house.state.va.us
22	Kathy J. Byron	R	523 Leesville Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502	(434) 237-6007	DelKByron@house.state.va.us
67	C. Charles Caputo	D	P.O. Box 222154, Chantilly, VA 20153	(703) 476-6944	DelCCaputo@house.state.va.us
5	Charles W. Carrico, Sr.	R	578 E. Main Street, Suite B, P.O. Box 188, Independence, VA 24348	(276) 773-9600	DelCCarrico@house.state.va.us
24	Benjamin L. Cline	R	P.O. Box 1405, Amherst, VA 24521	(434) 946-9908	DelBCline@house.state.va.us
88	Mark L. Cole	R	P.O. Box 6046, Fredericksburg, VA 22403	(540) 752-8200	DelMCole@house.state.va.us
78	John A. Cosgrove	R	P.O. Box 15483, Chesapeake, VA 23328	(757) 547-3422	DelJCosgrove@house.state.va.us
66	M. Kirkland Cox	R	131 Old Brickhouse Lane, Colonial Heights, VA 23834	(804) 526-5135	DelKCox@house.state.va.us
6	Anne B. Crockett-Stark	R	440 West Franklin Street, P.O. Box 628, Wytheville, VA 24382	(276) 227-0247	DelACrockett-Stark@house.state.va.us
63	Rosalyn R. Dance	D	P.O. Box 2584, Petersburg, VA 23804	(804) 862-2922	DelRDance@house.state.va.us
49	Adam P. Ebbin	D	P.O. Box 41870, Arlington, VA 22204	(703) 549-8253	DelAEbbin@house.state.va.us
47	Albert C. Eisenberg	D	P.O. Box 969, Arlington, VA 22216	(703) 228-7909	DelAEisenberg@house.state.va.us
45	David L. Englin	D	City Hall, 301 King Street, Box 65, Alexandria, VA 22314	(703) 549-3203	DelDEnglin@house.state.va.us
17	William H. Fralin, Jr.	R	P.O. Box 20363, Roanoke, VA 24018	(540) 772-7600	DelWFralin@house.state.va.us
52	Jeffrey M. Frederick	R	P.O. Box 58, Woodbridge, VA 22194	(703) 490-8405	DelJFrederick@house.state.va.us
91	Thomas D. Gear	R	P.O. Box 7496, Hampton, VA 23666	(757) 825-1943	DelTGear@house.state.va.us
15	C. Todd Gilbert	R	P.O. Box 309, Woodstock, VA 22664	(540) 459-7550	DelTGilbert@House.state.va.us
8	H. Morgan Griffith	R	P.O. Box 1250, Salem, VA 24153	(540) 389-4498	DelMGriffith@house.state.va.us
69	The seat is now vacant.		Frank Hall resigned on April 14, 2009.		
93	Phillip A. Hamilton	R	P.O. Box 1585, Newport News, VA 23601	(757) 249-2580	DelPHamilton@house.state.va.us
55	Frank D. Hargrove, Sr.	R	10321 Washington Highway, Glen Allen, VA 23059	(804) 550-2900	DelFHargrove@house.state.va.us
46	Charniele L. Herring	D	P.O. Box 11779, Alexandria, VA 22312	(804) 698-1046	DelCHerring@house.virginia.gov

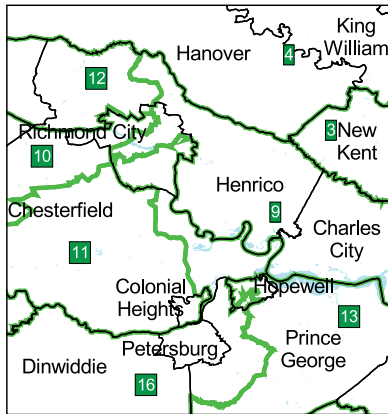
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60	Clarke N. Hogan	R	455 Short Street, Suite 204, South Boston, VA 24592	(434) 575-0000	DelCHogan@house.state.va.us
28	William J. Howell	R	P.O. Box 8296, Fredericksburg, VA 22404	(540) 371-1612	DelWHowell@house.state.va.us
90	Algie T. Howell, Jr.	D	P.O. Box 12865, Norfolk, VA 23541	(757) 466-7525	DelAHowell@house.state.va.us
40	Timothy D. Hugo	R	P.O. Box 893, Centreville, VA 20122	(703) 968-4101	DelTHugo@house.state.va.us
38	Robert D. Hull	D	P.O. Box 2331, Falls Church, VA 22042	(703) 573-4855	DelRHull@house.state.va.us
84	Salvatore R. Iaquinto	R	P. O. Box 6888, Virginia Beach, VA 23456	(757) 430-0102	DelSIaquinto@house.state.va.us
62	Riley E. Ingram	R	3302 Oaklawn Boulevard, Hopewell, VA 23860	(804) 458-9873	DelRIngram@house.state.va.us
56	William R. Janis	R	P.O. Box 3703, Glen Allen, VA 23058	(804) 726-5856	DelBJanis@house.state.va.us
79	Johnny S. Joannou	D	709 Court Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704	(757) 399-1700	No Email
4	Joseph P. Johnson, Jr.	D	164 E. Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210	(276) 628-9940	DelJJohnson@house.state.va.us
76	S. Chris Jones	R	P.O. Box 5059, Suffolk, VA 23435	(757) 483-6242	DelCJones@house.state.va.us
1	Terry G. Kilgore	R	P.O. Box 669, Gate City, VA 24251	(276) 386-7011	DelTKilgore@house.state.va.us
81	Barry D. Knight	R	1852 Mill Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA	(757)426-6387	DelBKnight@house.virginia.gov
25	R. Steven Landes	R	P.O. Box 42, Weyers Cave, VA 24486	(540) 245-5540	DelSLandes@house.state.va.us
100	Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr.	D	P.O. Box 760, Accomack, VA 23301	(757) 787-1094	DelLLewis@house.state.va.us
31	L. Scott Lingamfelter	R	5420 Lomax Way, Woodbridge, VA 22193	(703) 580-1294	DelSLingamfelter@house.state.va.us
26	Matthew J. Lohr	R	P.O. Box 1413, Harrisonburg, VA 22803	(540) 437-1450	DelMLohr@house.state.va.us
68	G. Manoli Loupassi	R	6002A W. Broad Street, Ste. 200, Richmond, VA 23230	(804) 440-6222	DelMLoupassi@house.state.va.us
41	David W. Marsden	D	9322 Jackson Street, Burke, VA 22015	(703) 323-4733	DelDMarsden@house.state.va.us
13	Robert G. Marshall	R	P.O. Box 421, Manassas, VA 20108	(434) 797-5861	DelBMarshall@house.state.va.us
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72	James P. Massie, III	R	P.O. Box 29598, Richmond, VA 23242	(804) 377-0100	DelJMassie@house.state.va.us
21	Robert W. Mathieson	D	P. O. Box 8021, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-8021	(757) 470-3000	DelBMathieson@house.state.va.us
33	Joe T. May	R	P.O. Box 2146, Leesburg, VA 20177	(703) 777-1191	DelJMay@house.state.va.us
71	Jennifer L. McClellan	D	P.O. Box 406, Richmond, VA 23218	(804) 698-1171	DelJMcClellan@house.state.va.us
70	Delores L. McQuinn	D	900 North 35th Street, Richmond, VA 23223	(804) 222-1574	DelDMcQuinn@house.virginia.gov
80	This seat is now vacant.		Ken Melvin resigned on May 7, 2009.		
16	Donald W. Merricks	R	2276 Franklin Tpke., Suite 103, Danville, VA 24540	(434) 724-3370	DelDMerricks@house.state.va.us
87	Paula J. Miller	D	P.O. Box 8757, Norfolk, VA 23503	(703) 244-6172	DelPMiller@house.state.va.us
50	Jackson H. Miller	R	P. O. Box 10072, Manassas, VA 20108	(757) 587-8757	DelJMiller@house.state.va.us
98	Harvey B. Morgan	R	P.O. Box 949, Gloucester, VA 23061	(804) 693-4750	DelHMorgan@house.state.va.us
74	Joseph D. Morrissey	D	605 E. Nine Mile Road, Highland Springs, VA 23075	(804) 328-1466	DelJMorrissey@house.state.va.us
51	Paul F. Nichols	D	12660 Lake Ridge Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192	(703) 492-4205	DelPNichols@house.state.va.us
27	Samuel A. Nixon, Jr.	R	P.O. Box 34908, Richmond, VA 23234	(804) 745-4335	DelSNixon@house.state.va.us

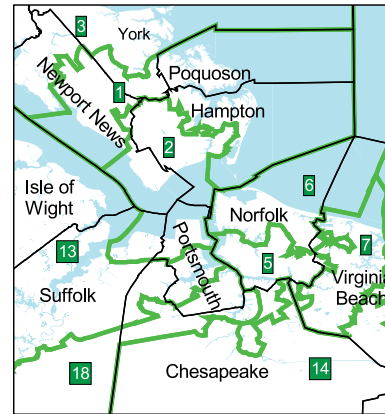


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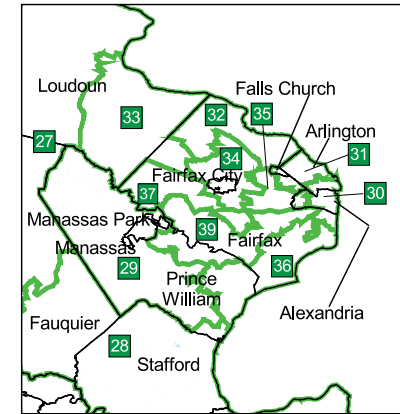
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7	David A. Nutter	R	P.O. Box 1344, Christiansburg, VA 24068	(540) 382-7731	DelDNutter@house.state.va.us
73	John M. O'Bannon, III	R	P.O. Box 70365, Richmond, VA 23255	(804) 282-8640	DelJOBannon@house.state.va.us
94	G. Glenn Oder	R	P.O. Box 6161, Newport News, VA 23606	(757) 930-8683	DelGOder@house.state.va.us
54	Robert D. Orrock, Sr.	R	P.O. Box 458, Thornburg, VA 22565	(540) 891-1322	DelBORrock@house.state.va.us
97	Christopher Kilian Peace	R	P.O. Box 819, Mechanicsville, VA 23111	(804) 730-3737	DelCPeace@house.state.va.us
2	Clarence E. Phillips	D	P.O. Box 36, Castlewood, VA 24224	(276) 762-9758	DelBPhillips@house.state.va.us
36	Kenneth R. Plum	D	2073 Cobblestone Lane, Reston, VA 20191	(703) 758-9733	DelKPlum@house.state.va.us
96	Brenda L. Pogge	R	P O Box 1386, Yorktown, VA 23192	(757) 223-9690	DelBPogge@house.state.va.us
9	Charles D. Poindexter	R	P. O. Box 117, Glade Hill, VA 24092	(540) 489-8989	DelCPoindexter@house.state.va.us
32	David E. Poisson	D	2 Pidgeon Hill Drive, Suite 340, Sterling, VA 20165	(703) 421-6899	DelDPoisson@house.state.va.us
99	Albert C. Pollard, Jr.	D	P.O. Box 128, Mollusk, VA 22517	(804) 462-5940	DelAPollard@house.state.va.us
82	Harry R. Purkey	R	2352 Leeward Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451	(757) 481-1493	DelBPurkey@house.state.va.us
19	Lacey E. Putney	I	P.O. Box 127, Bedford, VA 24523	(540) 586-0080	DelLPutney@house.state.va.us
86	Thomas Davis Rust	R	730 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170	(703) 437-9400	DelTRust@house.state.va.us
20	Christopher B. Saxman	R	P.O. Box 2517, Staunton, VA 24402	(540) 886-8284	DelCSaxman@house.state.va.us
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30	Edward T. Scott	R	206 S. Main Street, Suite 203, Culpeper, VA 22701	(703) 560-8338	DelEScott@house.state.va.us
35	Stephen C. Shannon	D	P.O. Box 1143, Vienna, VA 22183	(703) 281-5200	DelSShannon@house.state.va.us
29	Beverly J. Sherwood	R	P.O. Box 2014, Winchester, VA 22604	(540) 667-8947	DelBSherwood@house.state.va.us
12	James M. Shuler	D	1999 S. Main Street, Suite 304-A, Blacksburg, VA 24060	(540) 953-1103	DelJShuler@house.state.va.us
43	Mark D. Sickles	D	P.O. Box 10628, Franconia, VA 22310	(703) 922-6440	DelMSickles@house.state.va.us
77	Lionell Spruill, Sr.	D	P.O. Box 5403, Chesapeake, VA 23324	(757) 424-2178	DelLSpruill@house.state.va.us
85	Robert Tata	R	4536 Gleneagle Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462	(757) 340-3510	DelBTata@house.state.va.us
57	David J. Toscano	D	211 E. High Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902	(434) 220-1660	DelDToscano@house.state.va.us
75	Roslyn C. Tyler	D	25359 Blue Star Highway, Jarratt, VA 23867	(434) 336-1710	DelRTyler@house.state.va.us
23	Shannon R. Valentine	D	1022 Commerce Street, Suite 3B, Lynchburg, VA 24504	(434) 455-1208	DelSValentine@house.state.va.us
34	Margaret G. Vanderhye	D	P.O. Box 7335, McLean, VA 22106	(703) 448-8018	DelMVanderhye@house.state.va.us
92	Jeion A. Ward	D	P.O. Box 7310, Hampton, VA 23666	(757) 827-5921	DelJWard@house.state.va.us
11	Onzlee Ware	D	325 North Jefferson Street, Roanoke, VA 24016	(540) 344-7410	DelOWare@house.state.va.us
65	R. Lee Ware, Jr.	R	P.O. Box 689, Powhatan, VA 23139	(804) 598-6696	DelLWare@house.state.va.us
39	Vivian E. Watts	D	8717 Mary Lee Lane, Annandale, VA 22003	(703) 978-2989	DelVWatts@house.state.va.us
61	Thomas C. Wright, Jr.	R	P.O. Box 1323, Victoria, VA 23974	(434) 696-3061	DelTWright@house.state.va.us



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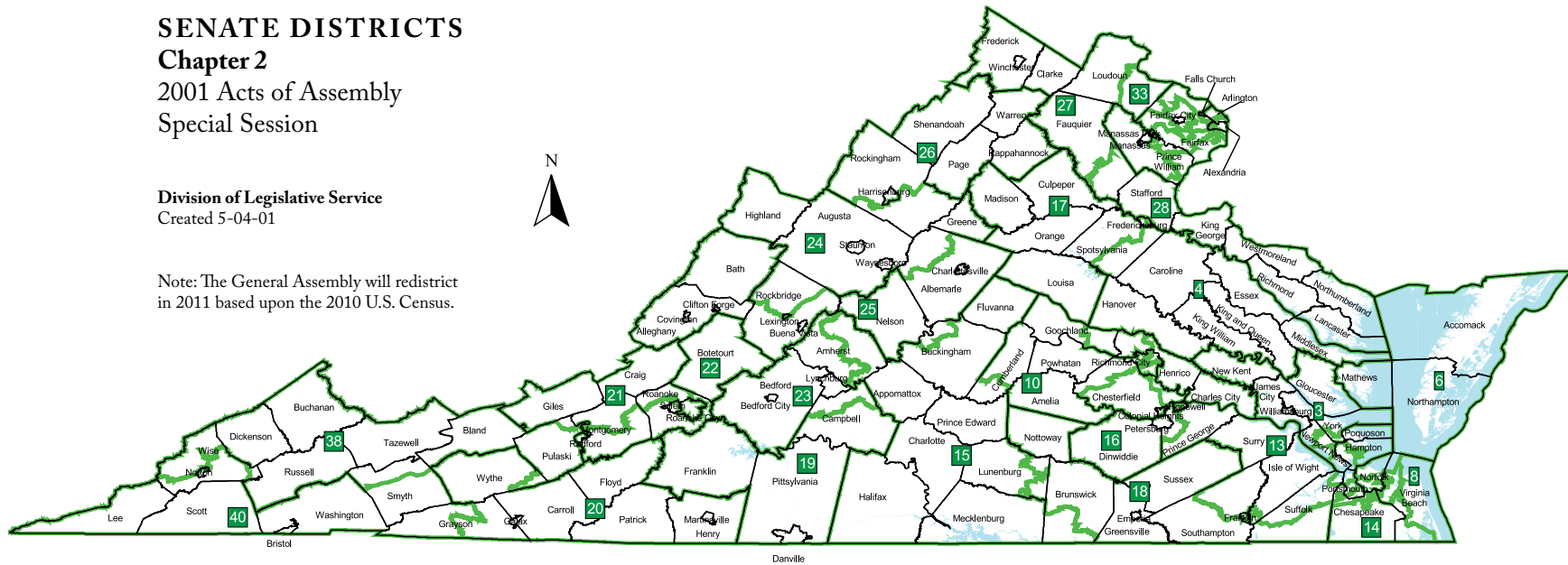


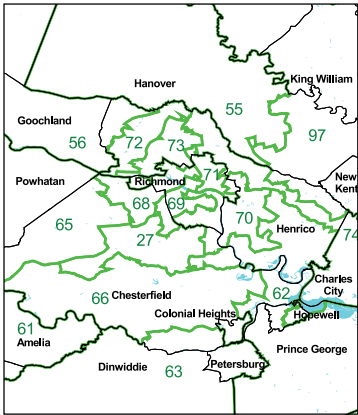
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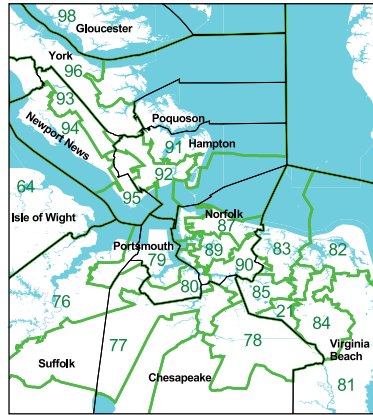
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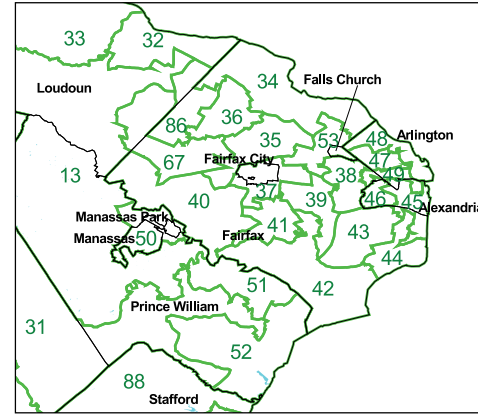




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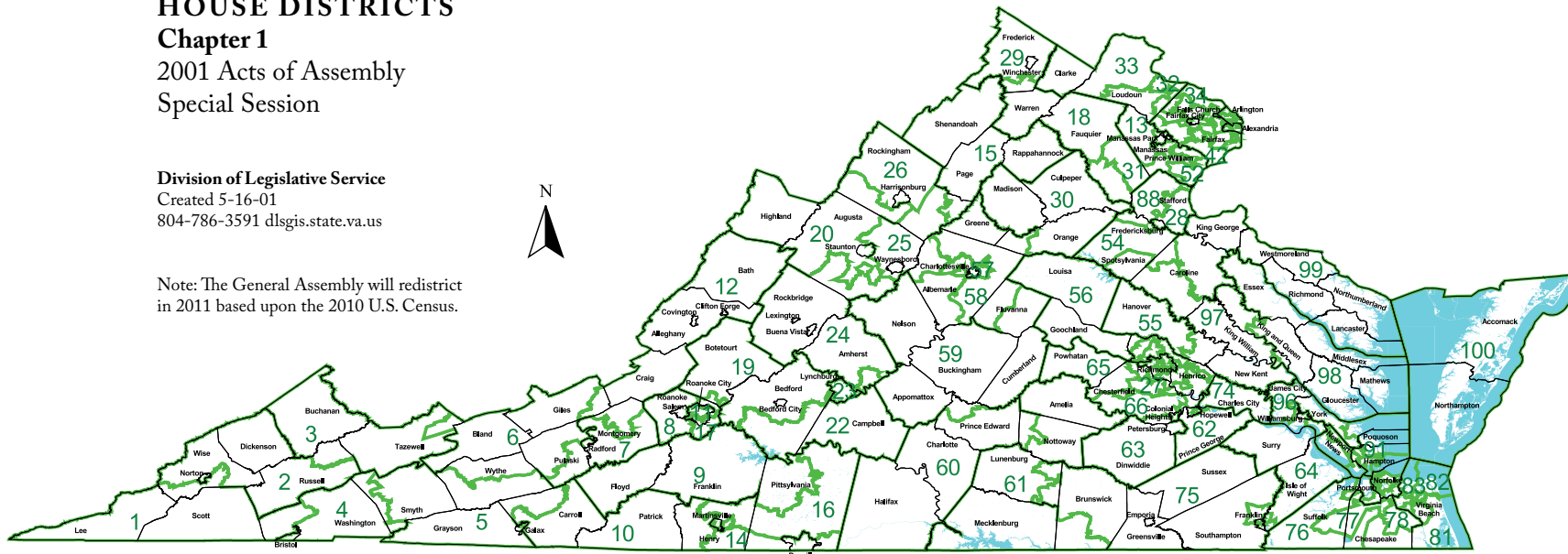


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**Chapter 1**  
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# A CYCLE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

## You Can Make a Difference...At Home, In Richmond & Online!

Political and legislative advocacy is a year-round effort. Whether meeting with legislators in Richmond or phoning voters before Election Day, VALCV members are essential to our efforts to make Virginia a better place in which to live.

The goals of the LCT and CAV! Networks are to:

- identify and motivate conservation-minded Virginians
- educate these activists on the issues
- help these activists influence public policy by establishing dialogue with their elected officials

Our LCT and CAV! efforts result in targeted conservation messages to those in office who most need to hear from their constituents about an upcoming issue or vote.

## Legislative Contact Teams

Virginia Conservation Network (VCN) and the Virginia League of Conservation Voters – Education Fund (VALCV-EF) started the Legislative Contact Teams (LCTs) program in the fall of 2002 with the goal of recruiting activists to volunteer as conservation contacts in their home legislative districts. The current goal for the LCT program is to identify 3 to 4 activists in each Senate and House district to act as members on their local LCT for that legislator.

To date, this VCN and VALCV-EF joint effort has brought in over 230 members, covering 36 Senate districts and 76 House districts. These participants speak to their legislators directly about a range of conservation priorities. One of the benefits of strengthening personal contact with legislators is that legislators become more knowledgeable and more responsive to their constituents' issues. There are conservationists in hundreds of organizations throughout the state. The goal of the LCT program is to organize activists in a manner that will help coordinate the conservation message and take advantage of the vast but, until now, loose network of conservation activists. We still need volunteers in certain districts — please join with us and refer a friend! Visit [www.valcv.org](http://www.valcv.org) for more information.

## Conservation e-Action Virginia! (CAV!)



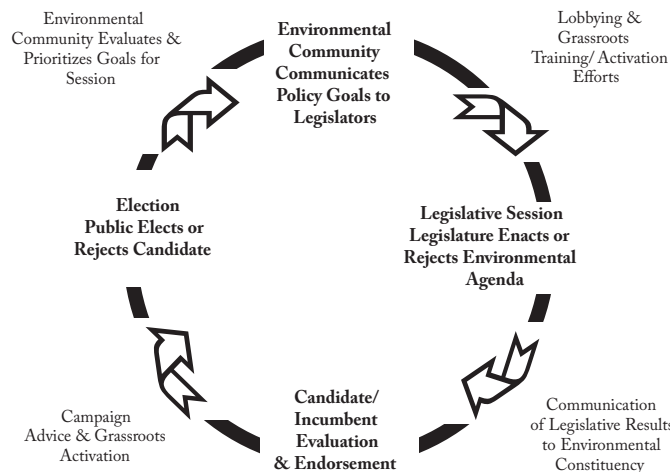
Conservation e-Action Virginia! uses a state-of-the-art email action alert system and a collaborative effort among Virginia conservation organizations to educate and mobilize a wide range of conservation organization members. The CAV! system helps the conservation community send a strong message to elected officials, governmental decision makers and industry leadership.

Please sign up for our CAV! e-mail alert system. Using only about ten email alerts per year, CAV! will put you in touch with key decision makers on issues like clean air and water, wildlife habitat, sprawl, transportation, growth management, forestry and others. Joining the CAV! network is simple. Just go to our home page at [www.valcv.org](http://www.valcv.org).

## VALCV Online

Keep an eye on [www.valcv.org](http://www.valcv.org) to stay abreast of our many 2009 summer and fall events and workshops. Check back often throughout the year for updates on our programs and the progress of Virginia conservation policies. During the 2010 General Assembly session, the VALCV site will also provide links to General Assembly Updates and to Virginia's Bill Tracking service online. Check back often for updates on legislation and for more about how you can help make a difference.

## Know the Cycle - VALCV's Year Round Process



## The Endorsement Process

The Conservation Scorecard is also used as a factor in candidate endorsements, alongside VALCV-administered candidate questionnaires and personal interviews. We conduct rigorous research on candidates and concentrate on the races where our resources can make a difference. We back our endorsements with expertise – assisting candidates with the media, fundraising and grassroots organizing strategies they need to win. We work to educate voters, then help get out the vote on Election Day. For more information on our political endorsement process, go to [ConservationMajorityVA.org](http://ConservationMajorityVA.org).

## ArticleXI.com

Article XI of the Virginia Constitution established as one of the founding principles of the Commonwealth the responsibility to protect our land, air and water from environmental degradation. Visit the conservation communities' new blog, [ArticleXI.com](http://ArticleXI.com), to join the conversation about how to move Virginia forward towards fully realizing the vision of our founders by protecting our natural landscape for future generations.



## Applaud the Work of Our Local Partners

One of VALCV's priorities is to work with local groups to form Political Action Committees, or PACs, so that they are in a position to influence the outcome of local elections. If conservation and growth management are to become key campaign issues throughout our electoral process, we must work together at the local level. Our Local PAC Partners are local PACs that have agreed to work with VALCV in an effort to share resources, expertise, and support to win elections at every level. They are all to be commended for the countless hours of hard work they invest in local campaigns. Their local presence and "pounding on the issues" has enabled VALCV to make considerable progress with tough legislation at the General Assembly.

Fairfax League of Conservation Voters

Fauquier Conservation Voters

Hanover Conservation Voters

Orange County Citizens Committee

Northampton Conservation Voters

Voters for Loudoun's Future

Voters to Stop Sprawl - Albemarle

Voters to Stop Sprawl- Spotsylvania

# HERE'S WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT:

## **1. Hold your legislators accountable.**

Use the rosters on pages 18 and 25 and e-mail, call, or write your representatives. If they voted against conservation concerns, express your disappointment. If they voted to protect Virginia's environment, thank them and show your support.

## **2. Share the 2009 Conservation Scorecard with your friends, neighbors and neighborhood groups.**

Make sure they know the scores of delegates and senators in their district, and make sure they know what they can do to support conservation. You can contact VALCV for additional copies, or view the scorecard online at [www.valcv.org](http://www.valcv.org).

## **3. Support our work.**

VALCV is the political voice of Virginia's conservation community. Help us build our strength in numbers and in dollars. Did this scorecard make you feel like you can make a more informed decision in this year's elections? If so, we invite you to support what we do. Donations can be made by check or credit card and online, by phone, or by mail. See the envelope insert for more information.

## **4. Stay Informed.**

Sign up online for your local Legislative Contact Team (LCT) and join our Conservation e-Action Virginia! (CAV!) email alert system. See [www.valcv.org](http://www.valcv.org) for more details. Also, visit the conservation community blog at [ArticleXI.com](http://ArticleXI.com).

## **5. Vote for pro-Conservation Candidates.**

Candidates who earn the VALCV endorsement are those who have demonstrated their commitment to conservation in Virginia. We have already launched the 2009 endorsement process for statewide and House of Delegates races – stay tuned to [ConservationMajorityVA.org](http://ConservationMajorityVA.org) to learn who deserves your support. In addition to our involvement in state races, we assist local groups with electing pro-conservation candidates to their local Boards of Supervisors, City Councils, and other elected positions. When voting, please consider a candidate's conservation record and help us get pro-conservation candidates elected.





## VIRGINIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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