

2007

**VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CONSERVATION SCORECARD**

VIRGINIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS



Dear Virginia Conservation Voter,

In many respects the 2007 session of the Virginia General Assembly was not particularly notable. The rules of engagement had not changed. The newly restored Capitol building was not yet open. There weren't any outrageous scandals. The session even ended on time!

What is different from just a few years ago is that conservation issues, including land use and transportation, local growth authority and energy, continue to be the most talked about subjects in the halls of the General Assembly Building, on news and editorial pages, and in communities around Virginia. That's truly policy advancement in a state that is noted for progressing in geologic time.

Your support to the Virginia League of Conservation Voters has made this possible. Our organization sends a unified message to legislators that they will be held accountable on votes that our conservation community agrees upon. Our common agenda is one that connects the issues of land use, water and air quality, energy alternatives, transportation, and green building initiatives. Throughout the legislative session, we were asked, "Will this be a Scorecard vote?" or "How does this affect my score?" Policy makers are paying attention. Our annual Conservation Scorecard is a tool for you to use to gauge how your legislators are doing on these issues. While there has been considerable progress, there is still work to do before we enjoy a "conservation majority" in both parties in the General Assembly.

This is an election year in Virginia. Every state senate and delegate seat, as well as boards of supervisors seats in counties across the Commonwealth will be up for election on November 6. We ask all of you who are concerned about the natural landscape and quality of life in Virginia to consider these scores when reviewing a candidate's qualifications. If we are to have responsible conservation policies, we must elect the right candidates. We are counting on you to help us in these important campaigns. Keep up to date on our website for candidate endorsement announcements (www.valcv.org) and contact us to get involved.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to elect a conservation majority in the General Assembly and on local boards in your area.

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Our Purpose

The Virginia League of Conservation Voters (VALCV) is the non-partisan political action arm of Virginia's conservation community. VALCV takes its franchise from the local, regional and state conservation groups that define the 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 2007 General Assembly session showed that our legislative priorities extended beyond the typical environmental areas of concern such as reducing point-source pollution. Legislation targeting land use and transportation reform and electric utility regulation came before lawmakers for their consideration this session. Legislation affecting citizen involvement in government 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. Candidates for elected office often are not asked by the public or the media to articulate their positions on conservation issues. Yet conservation concerns such as sprawl, the quality of our drinking water, the disposal of our waste, and the sanctity of our remaining open spaces continue to be important issues to voters.

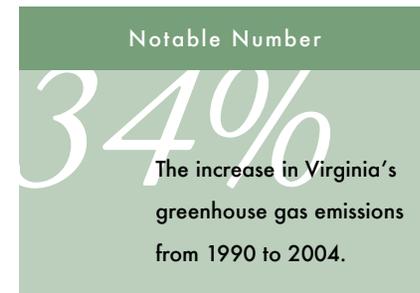
A Proud Tradition Worth Preserving

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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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

Legislator "Heroes" 100% Voting Record for 2007		
Senate	Party	District
Houck	(D)	17
Locke*	(D)	2
House	Party	District
Athey	(R)	18
Frederick	(R)	52
Lingamfelter	(R)	31
R. Marshall	(R)	13
Morgan	(R)	98
Nutter	(R)	7
Shuler*	(D)	12
Wittman	(R)	99

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 eighth year, the Conservation Scorecard has become the authoritative source on Virginia's environmental politics.

As a legislative watchdog, VALCV tracks the 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 2007 session has passed and the 2008 session will be gearing up, with many more conservation bills for your legislators to consider. Use the legislative district maps and directory listed at the back of 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—senators and delegates who had 100% conservation voting records. This year, eight delegates and two senators are on the list. Legislators in the Top Quartile list and those who patroned conservation bills deserve recognition and thanks as well. (See these charts on pages 3 and 10.)

	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%

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.

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 discarded as a Scorecard vote. This is a natural limitation of a Scorecard that is particularly visible in a year when there are so few significant conservation initiatives.

This year's Scorecard, in addition to providing scores for 2007 and 2006, 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 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 this message from conservation-minded constituents.

Notable Number

6

The number of senators whose score improved from 2006 to 2007.

**House of Delegates 2007 Top Quartile:
Score of 75% or Higher**

House	Party	District	Score
Abbitt	I	59	80%
Alexander	D	89	83%
Amundson	D	44	80%
Armstrong	D	10	80%
Athey	R	18	100%
BaCote	D	95	80%
Bell	R	58	80%

Brink	D	48	80%
Bulova	D	37	80%
Callahan	R	34	86%
Caputo	D	67	83%
Cole	R	88	83%
Dance	D	63	80%
Dudley	R	9	80%
Ebbin	D	49	83%
Eisenberg	D	47	80%
Englin	D	45	80%
Fralin	R	17	83%
Frederick	R	52	100%
Hamilton	R	93	80%
Howell	R	28	80%
Howell, A	D	90	80%
Hull	D	38	80%
Hurt	R	16	83%
Iaquinto	R	84	80%
Lewis	D	100	83%
Lingamfelter	R	31	100%
Marshall, B	R	13	100%
May	R	33	83%
McClellan	D	71	83%
McEachin	D	74	80%
McQuigg	R	51	83%
Miller, P	D	87	80%
Moran	D	46	83%
Morgan	R	98	100%
Nutter	R	7	100%
O'Bannon	R	73	83%
Oder	R	94	75%
Peace	R	97	80%
Plum	D	36	86%
Putney	I	19	75%

Reid	R	72	75%
Scott, J	D	53	80%
Shannon	D	35	83%
Sherwood	R	29	80%
Shuler	D	12	100%
Sickles	D	43	80%
Spruill	D	77	80%
Tata	R	85	83%
Toscano	D	57	75%
Tyler	D	75	75%
Valentine	D	23	80%
Waddell	I	68	80%
Ward	D	92	80%
Ware, O	D	11	75%
Watts	D	39	80%
Welch	R	21	80%
Wittman	R	99	100%
Wright	R	61	80%

**Senate 2007 Top Quartile:
Score of 75% or Higher**

Senator	Party	District	Score
Herring	D	33	86%
Houck	D	17	100%
Howell	D	32	80%
Locke	D	2	100%
Ticer	D	30	86%
Whipple	D	31	86%

**2007 Bottom Quartile:
Score of 25% or Lower**

Congratulations to all Virginia legislators—not one scored 25% or below !

2007 SCORECARD HIGHLIGHTS

ENERGY AND GLOBAL WARMING

The conservation, faith, consumer protection, and business communities are all on the same page now—they recognize that global warming is occurring and that manmade greenhouse gasses are the primary culprit. More than a third of the greenhouse gasses produced in Virginia come from our energy production activities—mostly from coal-fired power plants. In a time when we should find ways to produce carbon-neutral energy (energy that doesn't emit greenhouse gasses such as carbon dioxide) and use the energy we do produce more efficiently, the General Assembly did not look very favorably upon legislation dealing with renewable energy or energy conservation.

Renewable Portfolio Standard

Senator Mary Margaret Whipple's SB 1275 was among the first progressive renewable energy bills brought before the legislature. This bill sought to bring new investment and jobs to Virginia by requiring electric utilities operating here to generate a portion of their portfolio from renewable sources. **Sen. Whipple** convened a stakeholder group including industry, consumer, and conservation interests that met during most of the year. The conservation community had many

concerns about some of the energy sources that may have been included in the bill—waste coal, pumped storage, and poorly-sited wind facilities, for instance. However, **Sen. Whipple** was sensitive to our concerns and introduced a bill the conservation community supported. Unfortunately, another piece of legislation—the Electric Utility Self-Regulation bill—overshadowed SB 1275 and it never enjoyed a committee hearing and the bill was laid to rest.

Electric Utility Self-Regulation

Delegate Clarke Hogan (HB 3068) and **Senator Tommy Norment** (SB 1416) both introduced electric utility industry-sponsored legislation that would create a new, hybrid regulatory model under which electric utilities would operate. These bills were introduced in late December, just days before the 2007 General Assembly session began. **Attorney General Bob McDonnell's** office oversaw a select group of stakeholders to discuss concerns with the bill, with the goal of working toward a more reasonable compromise. Many were concerned that no conservation groups and few consumer interests were represented on this stakeholder group. Several consumer protection advocates and legislators pleaded for an independent analysis of the legislation, but one never occurred.

Industry was well-represented by its cadre of lobbyists who spun the bills as ensuring more consumer and environmental protections. In fact, the bills made no mandatory renewable energy investment or energy conservation requirements, and actually offered incentive for new coal-fired power plants. However, **Sen. Whipple** and **Del. Ken Plum** successfully lobbied for at least a voluntary renewable energy incentive program. In the end, the Senate and House both overwhelmingly passed these bills that do not acknowledge global warming or the need to build energy security and independence.

Governor Kaine made some modest amendments to the bills—expanding the goal for an energy conservation study (not an actual target), fixing some of the problematic components of the voluntary renewable portfolio standard, and changing the incentives offered to new power plants. It is important to note however, that Virginia has placed lower-emitting sources (like coal gasification, a process through which carbon dioxide can be captured) over conventional fossil fuel energy sources. These amendments passed overwhelmingly in the reconvened session in which legislators met for one day to respond to the Governor's actions.

From here, the State Corporation Commission will conduct an energy conservation study slated to conclude by December 2007—just in time for legislators to introduce energy savings bills for the 2008 General Assembly session.



Offshore Drilling... again!

Last year, legislation creating the Virginia Energy Plan contained a provision calling for offshore drilling off the Virginia coast. Governor Kaine made important amendments to that provision that took the issue off the table. Unfortunately, **Senator Frank Wagner** introduced another bill this session that sought to urge Congress and the President of the United States to remove the moratorium on offshore drilling off Virginia's coast. SB 1396 quickly passed through the Senate, but its future became less certain when the House Commerce and Labor Committee almost killed the bill in a close vote. Mysteriously, the bill was never considered by the full House of Delegates and it failed.

Climate Change in Virginia

An April 2007 report published by U.S. Public Interest Research Group titled "Carbon Boom" documented emissions growth by individual states in the U.S. It found that Virginia's greenhouse gas emissions rose 34% from 1990 to 2004, putting us among the "leaders" in growth of greenhouse gas emissions. Prompt action is needed on a number of fronts—energy conservation, renewable energy, land use reforms, and land conservation—to address our emissions problem.

A broad coalition of concerned citizens, advocates, and businesses has come together and agrees that climate change is real and there are indeed actions we can take to help cut emissions. Our message is slowly beginning to resound within Virginia. **Governor Kaine**, issued Executive Order #48 which directs state organizations to operate with greater energy efficiency—even to rent office space that's easily accessible to transit. As more decision makers come to acknowledge the science regarding climate change, we hope to see collective actions that will make reducing emissions a net benefit for our economy and continue our progress, rather than a series of reactionary shortcomings.

GROWTH AND TRANSPORTATION

The shapes and sizes of our communities are changing more rapidly than ever before. The amount of land we consume, time we spend in our cars, and our contributions to global warming are ever increasing. For years the conservation community has advocated for common sense land use reform before Virginia enters its next campaign of roads building. Implementing reforms such as being mindful of the effect of new roads and development on tailpipe emissions growth rates, accessibility to transit, and impact on traffic patterns could help reduce the environmental impact of our transportation decisions.

Bringing more transparency to roads building in Virginia is critical if we are to have confidence in our investments. **Del. Brian Moran** carried HB 2854, which sought to bring more financial transparency to the Virginia Department of Transportation, and it passed after enduring some surgery to accommodate VDOT's concerns. The conservation community hopes that as the public begins to see where Virginia's transportation priorities lay—on projects that move cars, promote development, and increase emissions, rather than moving people and goods efficiently, we will see transportation investments that reflect the will of the people.

HB 3202: Piecemeal or Progress?

Finally, after back-to-back stalemates over transportation policy in Virginia, the 2007 session produced a comprehensive land use and funding package. **Speaker of the House Bill Howell** introduced an omnibus transportation planning and funding bill: HB 3202. The bill was a forty page long quilt of transportation policy—including statewide funding proposals, regional funding mechanisms, several modest land use reforms, transit funding, and even a new government accountability arm.

Legislators on both sides of the aisle proclaimed their devotion to finding land use solutions for the Commonwealth this session. Speaker Howell introduced important land use components in his bill, many of which were also embodied in separate free-standing bills, including **Delegate Leo Wardrup's** HB 2227 regarding improved connectivity for subdivision streets and HB 2228 regarding access management, improving traffic flow, and reducing sprawl, and **Delegate Clay Athey's** HB 3196 regarding Urban Development Areas and guiding growth. These measures will not by any means stop sprawl in its tracks. However, they are steps toward connecting the land use and transportation planning processes.

Coming up with \$3 billion to fund new roads-building with only modest land use reforms will make any conservationist weak in the knees. Worse, many of the prioritized projects on VDOT's list will exacerbate sprawl, pave ecologically sensitive areas, or use taxpayer dollars frivolously. The Hampton Roads regional plan raises some serious concerns because of the list of sprawl-inducing, wasteful projects such as a new Route 460 bypass and the Southeastern Expressway.

Governor Tim Kaine made several important amendments to HB 3202, which, though certainly did not "fix" the bill, definitely made it better. These amendments included fixing some of the language regarding Urban Development Areas, increasing building density within UDAs, expanding road impact fee authority to many new counties across Virginia, and raising to 20% the amount of funding transit will receive under the new plan. Despite the significant increase in transit funding, VALCV remained neutral on HB 3202 because of the other drawbacks.

Performance Standards

If we're going to build a road, wouldn't it make sense to make sure that the road will reduce the amount of time we have to spend on the road, which means we'll save money by burning less gas, spend more time with our families, and decrease global warming emissions? **Sen. Mark Herring** introduced SB 1259 and **Del. Steve Shannon** introduced HB 2922 which sought to guarantee returns on roads investments. Neither the House nor Senate Transportation Committees view bills that require more reporting very favorably and this bill resulted only in a letter being sent to the Joint Subcommittee on Virginia's Future Transportation Needs. In future sessions, we hope the General Assembly will look favorably on protecting its transportation investments and improving our climate.

Guiding Growth

A host of land use reform legislation saw its demise in the 2007 session. **Del. Rob Wittman** wanted to make sure there were adequate water resources in place before allowing new growth in HB 1865. **Sen. Ken Cuccinelli** (SB 817), **Sen. Mark Herring** (SB 1254), **Del. Bob Marshall** (HB 1718), and **Del. Mark Sickles** (HB 2814) all introduced legislation that would clarify local governments' authority to deny a rezoning based on traffic impact—a way to preserve quality of life, and guide and time growth at the local level. Governor Kaine made this a priority issue in his 2005 race. Unfortunately, the developer lobby still has firm control of the house Counties, Cities, and Towns Committee and it quickly killed the house bills in subcommittee. But there was a recorded vote on SB 817 in the Senate Local Government Committee: 6 Y – 9 N. Though all of these bills failed, we have made an important step and look forward to the passage of this bill in future sessions.

Just a few years ago, few legislators were talking about land use, much less making it a core component of their platform. How times have changed! VALCV has worked successfully to demonstrate the need to integrate transportation and land use planning. Voters, particularly those in the rapidly growing parts of the Commonwealth, understand the link and now want candidates who support land use reform.

Notable Number

10

The number of legislators who scored 100% on the 2007 Conservation Scorecard.

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

SLAPP Suits

An alarming trend has been developing in Virginia lately—unscrupulous interests have been filing lawsuits against average citizens who have become active in local land use cases to intimidate those citizens and chill their interest in participating in local government. These lawsuits, known as Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation or SLAPP suits, generally do not stand up in court, but accomplish the developers' goal of forcing citizen activists to spend considerable personal funds on a legal defense.

VALCV wanted to protect citizen involvement at the local level and found several patrons who shared this value: **Sen. Mark Herring** (SB 1250), **Sen. Roscoe Reynolds** (SB 858), and **Del. Lee Ware** (HB 3194). Each introduced legislation seeking to afford citizens more protection from SLAPP suits. **Del. Chris Peace** lent a helping hand and served as a co-patron of the house bill.

Strong opponents of this legislation fought our efforts to offer citizens the same type of immunity as local government officials. After a series of negotiations and committee hearings, VALCV struck a compromise with the bill patrons and the bills' opponents. Ultimately, even the Homebuilders Association of Virginia endorsed the bill!

Citizen Board Consolidation Bills

Sen. Phil Puckett and **Del. Steve Landes** each introduced bills that sought to consolidate the three environmental citizen boards—the Air Pollution Control Board, the Water Board, and the Waste Board—into one, omnibus eleven-member board. Other important changes included vesting permitting authority in the Director of DEQ instead of the boards. This bill came about as a total surprise to the conservation community—and that was the intent; the public did not know this bill existed until one week into the General Assembly session, and just one day before the deadline.

In committee, we found allies on both sides of the aisle despite strong lobbying for the bills by the Chamber of Commerce and the Governor's Office. Conservation-friendly legislators helped broker a deal to add a re-enactment clause to the bill, which would require the 2008 General Assembly to pass an identical bill. Ironically, the re-enactment clause was added early at a Saturday morning House Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources committee meeting when most

citizens wouldn't think they needed to watch what the legislature might be doing. Things didn't fare as well in the Senate, though—senators were less open to the conservation community's concerns and their version of the bill passed without a re-enactment clause.

After hundreds of conservationists called, wrote, and visited their legislators, support for at least the re-enactment clause if not outright opposition to the bill materialized and both bills passed in a less disastrous form. From here, citizens, legislators and agency, industry, and conservation representatives will attempt to broker a deal on a restructuring of the citizen board bills for the 2008 General Assembly session. So stay tuned—VALCV is going to need your help!

NATURAL RESOURCES FUNDING

VALCV entered the General Assembly session with a goal to secure additional funding for Chesapeake Bay cleanup and land conservation in a year when all funding options were competing with expensive transportation projects. Not only was funding of conservation priorities at risk this session—many advocates of other core services felt threatened, too.

	2006-07	2007-08
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	\$950,000	\$0
Purchase of Development Rights	\$3,600,000	\$700,000
Virginia Land Conservation Foundation	\$500,000	\$500,000
Chesapeake Bay Cleanup	Authorized \$250,000,000 of bonds to clean up wastewater treatment plants	

The House, Senate, and Governor arrived at a compromise with the conservation community to fund our natural resources for the next two years. Of course we had hoped for more, but we are thankful for the level of funding appropriated. Critical land conservation agencies such as Virginia Outdoors Foundation, which oversees the land conservation easement program, and Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, which administers land conservation programs did receive substantial funding this session. And for the first time ever, the Governor and General Assembly allocated some funds for a statewide Purchase of Development Rights program to help protect the viability of working farms and preserve valuable agricultural Virginia's heritage and open space.

SCORECARD VOTE KEY

SENATE VOTES

✓ SB 771: Water Treatment Works Upgrades

Patron: Sen. John Chichester

Authorizes the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$250 million for grants to be used solely for the purpose of funding the installation of nutrient removal technologies at specified publicly owned treatment works and nonsignificant dischargers to implement the Commonwealth's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategies. *Several other bay cleaning funding bills were introduced this year, and each suffered several iterations of amendments and rewrites—some still offering critical funding for wastewater treatment plants to clean up, others only providing window dressing. The vote for passage on both the House and Senate sides is the Scorecard vote (Senate: 40-Y, 0-N; House: 91-Y, 0-N, 9-NV).*

✓ SB 817: Right to Deny a Rezoning

Patrons: Senators Ken Cuccinelli and Mark Herring

Allows a locality to deny or modify an application for rezoning when the existing and future transportation network is inadequate to handle the anticipated transportation impact. *This is the first time there has ever been a recorded vote on this critical land use issue at the General Assembly. It is noteworthy that a bi-partisan combination of senators patroned these bills which ultimately failed under the pressure of*

the developer lobby. The Senate Local Government Committee is included in the scorecard (6-Y, 9-N). (SB 1254 was conformed to SB 817; SB 817 is the scorecard bill.)

✓ SB 1250: Anti-SLAPP Suits

Patrons: Sen. Mark Herring

Provides that any person appearing at a public hearing before the governing body of any locality or other political subdivision of any local governmental entity shall be immune from a civil liability. *These bills concerned the Homebuilders' Association of Virginia and the Virginia Trial Lawyers' Association and negotiations led to a bill that enjoyed nearly unanimous votes throughout both chambers. The Senate floor vote is the Scorecard vote (39-0).*

✗ SB 1403: Citizen Environmental Board Consolidation

Patrons: Sen. Phil Puckett

Consolidates the Air Pollution Control Board, the Water Control Board, and the Waste Management Board into one eleven-member citizen board with the authority to adopt regulations, including general permit regulations. All other responsibilities of the existing boards, including the authority to issue licenses and permits, shall be transferred to the DEQ Director. *A reenactment clause was placed on the bill at a Saturday morning House Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources committee meeting and the conservation community dropped its opposition. On the Senate side, no re-enactment clause was placed on SB 1403 and conservationists remained opposed. The Scorecard vote is the Senate floor vote when the bill lacked a reenactment clause (28-Y, 11-N).*

✗ HB 2128: Billboard Relocation

Patron: Del. Tim Hugo

Provides that the owner of a billboard situated on land acquired due to widening, construction, or reconstruction by purchase or by exercise of eminent domain may relocate the billboard to another location on the same property and may adjust the height or angle of the billboard. *The outdoor advertising industry comes to the General Assembly each year seeking special treatment and 2007 was no exception. Though the Senate passed SB 1102, it failed in the House and it did not become law. The Senate floor vote on HB 2128 is the Senate Scorecard vote (26-Y, 12-N, 2-AB).*

✗ HB 3068: Electric Utility Restructuring

Patron: Del. Clarke Hogan

Returns Virginia's electric utilities to a quasi-regulated environment, legislating electric utilities' profit levels, giving limited oversight to the State Corporation Commission, establishing a voluntary Renewable Portfolio Standard, and implementing modest energy conservation goals. *After numerous attempts to improve the bill, legislators overwhelmingly supported industry-endorsed bills. The Senate Scorecard vote is the floor vote on HB 3068 (35-Y, 3-N, 1-AB, 1NV).*

HOUSE VOTES

✓ **HB 2854: VDOT Financial Transparency** **Patron: Delegate Brian Moran**

Requires the preparation and dissemination of additional financial information by the Virginia Department of Transportation. *The bill's intent was to establish greater confidence in VDOT performance and spending by improved financial reporting. After numerous discussions and a great deal of back and forth negotiation, HB2854 was amended to better meet VDOT's approval. The bill was unanimously voted out of Senate Transportation—a significant victory, as Senate Transportation passed very few "reporting" measures. The House floor vote for passage is included in the scorecard (88-Y, 10-N, 2-AB).*

✓ **SB 771: Water Treatment Works Upgrades** **Patron: Sen. John Chichester**

Authorizes the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$250 million for grants to be used solely for the purpose of funding the installation of nutrient removal technologies at specified publicly owned treatment works and nonsignificant dischargers to implement the Commonwealth's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategies. *Several other bay cleaning funding bills were introduced this year, and each suffered several iterations of amendments and rewrites—some still offering critical funding for wastewater treatment plants to clean up, others only providing window dressing. The vote for passage is the Scorecard vote (House: 91-Y, 0-N, 9-NV).*

✗ **SB 1102: Billboard Relocation** **Patron: Sen. Marty Williams**

Provides that the owner of a billboard situated on land acquired due to widening, construction, or reconstruction by purchase or by exercise of eminent domain may relocate the billboard to another location on the same property and may adjust the height or angle of the billboard. *As constituents called and wrote their legislators, support for this special interest legislation deteriorated. The House rejected SB 1102 in a floor vote, but industry-friendly legislators wanted the bill to be reconsidered. Constituents continued putting pressure on their delegates and the bill failed. The House floor vote on SB 1102 is the Scorecard vote (40-Y, 58-N, 2-AB).*

✓ **SB 1250: Anti-SLAPP Suits** **Patrons: Sen. Mark Herring**

Provides that any person appearing at a public hearing before the governing body of any locality or other political subdivision of any local governmental entity shall be immune from a civil liability. *These bills concerned the Homebuilders' Association of Virginia and the Virginia Trial Lawyers' Association and negotiations led to a bill that enjoyed nearly unanimous votes throughout both chambers. The House floor vote is the Scorecard vote (97-0).*

✗ **SB 1396: Offshore Drilling** **Patron: Sen. Frank Wagner**

States that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to support the inclusion of the area off Virginia's Atlantic coast for further study and analysis and possible lease sales as part of the Department of the Interior's 2007-2012 Five Year Leasing Plan with respect to exploration 50 miles or more off the Atlantic shoreline. *The bill moved quietly through the Senate where it was amended and made even less friendly to our fragile coastal economies. A house committee did report the bill, but mysteriously, it was never voted on the floor and it died. The House Commerce and Labor committee is the Scorecard vote (11-Y, 9-N).*

✗ **SB 1416: Electric Utility Restructuring** **Patron: Sen. Tommy Norment**

Returns Virginia's electric utilities to a quasi-regulated environment, legislating electric utilities' profit levels, giving limited oversight to the State Corporation Commission, establishing a voluntary Renewable Portfolio Standard, and implementing modest energy conservation goals. *After numerous attempts to improve the bill, legislators overwhelmingly supported industry-endorsed bills. The House Scorecard is the floor vote on SB 1416 (82-Y, 16-N, 2-NV).*

Vote Key Legend

✓ VALCV supported bill

✗ VALCV opposed bill

Notable Number

6 The number of Senators voting to give local governments the authority to deny a rezoning based on traffic impact.

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 2007 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. L. Ware	HB 3194	SLAPP suit protection
Del. Peace	HB 3194	SLAPP suit protection, co-patron
Sen. Reynolds	SB 858	SLAPP suit protection
Sen. Herring	SB 1250	SLAPP suit protection

Energy

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Cole	HB 1649	Transmission lines
Del. Cosgrove	HB 1678	Sales tax holiday for energy efficient appliances
Del. Poisson	HB 1804	Pay as you save solar water heating program
Del. O’Bannon	HB 2160	Tax credit for energy efficient equipment
Del. Athey	HB 2402	Transmission lines
Del. May	HB 2614	SCC to review transmission lines applications
Del. Fralin	HB 2618	Tax abatement for energy efficient buildings
Del. Hugo	HB 2708	Net Metering expansion
Del. Englin	HB 2739	Sales tax exemption for energy efficient products
Del. Nutter	HB 3089	Biofuels incentives grant program
Del. Caputo	HB 3125	Tax credit for energy efficient equipment
Del. Ebbin	HJ 681	Climate Change Study
Del. Plum	HJ 686	Voluntary renewable energy production study
Sen. Watkins	SB 867	Sales tax holiday for energy efficient appliances
Sen. Edwards	SB 1051	Tax abatement for energy efficient buildings
Sen. Whipple	SB 1275	Renewable Portfolio Standard
Sen. Hanger	SB 1407	Grants for energy crops

Land Conservation

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Lewis	HB 1713	Resources Authority to fund preservation
Del. McQuigg	HB 2305	Historic areas and sites
Del. Saxman	HB 2450	Small winery self-distribution
Del. Cline	HB 2694	Resources Authority to fund preservation
Del. Gear	HJ 689	Fort Monroe National Park Study
Del. Hurt	HJ 709	State park along Mayo River study

Land Use & Transportation

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. R. Marshall	HB 1718	Right to deny a rezoning based on traffic impact
Del. Wardrup	HB 2227	Subdivision streets regulations
Del. Sickles	HB 2814	Right to deny a rezoning based on traffic impact
Del. Moran	HB 2854	VDOT to show financial transparency
Del. Shannon	HB 2922	Performance standards for new roads
Sen. Cuccinelli	SB 817	Right to deny a rezoning based on traffic impact
Sen. Williams	SB 1181	Subdivision streets regulations
Sen. Houck	SB 1199	Office of Intermodal Planning
Sen. Hawkins	SB 1312	Access management standards for highways

Waste

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Kilgore	HB 1715	Littering in state waters
Sen. Ticer	SJ 361	Recycling feasibility study

Water

Legislator	Bill	Summary
Del. Callahan	HB 1710	Water treatment works upgrades
Del. Wittman	HB 2082	Menhaden harvest limits
Del. Landes	HB 2539	Water resources and wetlands protection
Del. Marsden	HB 2663	Fertilizers and pesticide runoff mitigation
Del. Bowling	HB 3088	Discharges into Levisa Fork
Sen. Chichester	SB 771	Water treatment works upgrades
Sen. Puckett	SB 1402	Discharges into Levisa Fork



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 Committee

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Blevins	R	14	40%
Chichester	R	28	50%
Cuccinelli	R	37	57%
Deeds	D	25	60%
Hanger	R	24	43%
Hawkins (Chair)	R	19	67%
Locke	D	2	100%
McDougle	R	4	40%
Obenshain	R	26	33%
Puckett	D	38	71%
Reynolds	D	20	71%
Ruff	R	15	50%
Ticer	D	30	86%
Watkins	R	10	50%
Whipple	D	31	86%

Committee Average: 60%

Senate Commerce and Labor

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Chichester	R	28	50%
Colgan	D	29	40%
Edwards	D	21	67%
Miller	D	5	40%
Newman	R	23	33%
Norment	R	3	50%
Potts	R	27	60%
Rerras	R	6	40%
Saslaw	D	35	40%
Stolle	R	8	50%
Stosch	R	12	40%
Wagner	R	7	40%
Wampler (Chair)	R	7	40%
Watkins	R	10	50%
Williams	R	1	50%

Senate C&L Average: 46%

Notable Number

20%

The Governor's recommendation for the amount of new roads revenue that should be dedicated to transit.

Senate Finance Committee			
Member	Party	Dist	Score
Chichester (Chair)	R	28	50%
Colgan	D	29	40%
Hanger	R	24	43%
Hawkins	R	19	67%
Houck	D	17	100%
Howell	D	32	80%
Lambert	D	9	50%
Norment	R	3	50%
Potts	R	27	60%
Quayle	R	13	33%
Saslaw	D	35	40%
Stolle	R	8	50%
Stosch	R	12	40%
Wampler	R	40	40%
Watkins	R	10	50%

Committee Average: 53%

Senate Local Government Committee			
Member	Party	Dist	Score
Cuccinelli	R	37	57%
Hanger	R	24	43%
Herring	D	33	86%
Lucas	D	18	67%
Marsh	D	16	67%
Martin	R	11	33%
Newman	R	23	33%
Obenshain	R	26	33%
Puckett	D	38	71%
Puller	D	36	67%
Quayle (Chair)	R	13	33%
Reynolds	D	20	71%
Ruff	R	15	50%

Ticer	D	30	86%
Whipple	D	31	86%

Committee Average : 59%

Senate Transportation			
Member	Party	Dist	Score
Bell	D	22	40%
Blevins	D	14	40%
Deeds	D	25	60%
Devolites Davis	D	34	40%
Houck	R	17	100%
Marsh	R	16	67%
McDougle	R	4	40%
Miller, Y.	R	5	40%
Newman	D	23	33%
O'Brien	R	39	50%
Puckett	R	38	71%
Rerras	R	6	40%
Wagner	R	7	40%
Watkins	R	10	50%
Williams (Chair)	R	1	50%

Committee Average: 51%

House Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources Committee			
Member	Party	Dist	Score
Bulova	D	37	80%
Byron	R	22	67%
Cline	R	24	67%
Cox (Chair)	R	66	60%
Eisenberg	D	47	80%
Hogan	R	60	60%
Lewis	D	100	83%
Lohr	R	26	40%

Marshall, D.	R	14	60%
McEachin	D	74	80%
Morgan	R	98	100%
Orrock	R	54	60%
Plum	D	36	86%
Poisson	D	32	67%
Saxman	R	20	50%
Scott, E.	R	30	60%
Shannon	D	35	83%
Sherwood	R	29	80%
Shuler	D	12	100%
Ware	R	65	67%
Wittman	R	99	100%
Wright	R	61	80%

Committee Average: 73%

House Appropriations			
Member	Party	Dist	Score
Abbitt	D	59	80%
BaCote	D	95	80%
Brink	D	48	80%
Callahan (Chair)	R	34	86%
Cox	R	66	60%
Dance	D	63	80%
Hamilton	R	93	80%
Hogan	R	60	60%
Howell, A.	D	90	80%
Ingram	R	62	60%
Joannou	D	79	50%
Jones, S.C.	R	76	60%
Landes	R	25	67%
May	R	33	83%
Morgan	R	98	100%
Phillips	D	2	60%

Putney	I	19	75%
Reid	R	72	75%
Scott, J	D	53	80%
Sherwood	R	29	80%
Spruill	D	77	80%
Tata	R	85	83%
Wardrup	R	83	50%
Ware, O.	D	11	75%

Committee Average: 47%

House Commerce and Labor

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Abbitt	I	59	80%
Alexander	D	89	83%
Byron	R	22	67%
Callahan	R	34	86%
Dudley	R	9	80%
Griffith	R	8	67%
Hargrove	R	55	50%
Hugo	R	40	67%
Joannou	D	79	50%
Johnson	D	4	67%
Jones, D. C.	D	70	60%
Kilgore	R	1	57%
McClellan	D	71	83%
Melvin	D	80	67%
Morgan (Chairman)	R	98	100%
Nixon	R	27	50%
Plum	D	36	86%
Purkey	R	82	67%
Sickles	D	43	80%
Suit	R	81	60%
Tata	R	85	83%
Ware, R. L.	R	65	67%

House C&L Average: 71%

House Counties, Cities & Towns Committee

Member	Party	Dist	Score
Amundson	D	44	80%
Armstrong	D	11	80%
Cole	R	88	83%
Crockett-Stark	R	6	60%
Dudley	R	9	80%
Hall	D	69	60%
Hull	D	38	80%
Hurt	R	16	83%
Iaquinto	R	84	80%
Ingram (Chair)	R	62	60%
Jones, D.	D	70	60%
Lohr	R	26	40%
Marshall, D.	R	14	60%
Marshall, R.	R	13	100%
McEachin	D	74	80%
McQuigg	R	51	83%
Oder	R	94	75%
Orrock	R	54	60%
Spruill	D	77	80%
Suit	R	81	60%
Waddell	I	68	80%
Ware, O.	D	11	75%

Committee Average: 73%

House Transportation

Member	Party	Dist	Score
BaCote	D	95	80%
Bowling	D	3	50%
Carrico	R	5	50%
Cosgrove	R	78	67%
Ebbin	D	49	83%

Fralin	R	17	83%
Gear	R	91	67%
Hugo	R	40	67%
Iaquinto	R	84	80%
Jones, D.	D	70	60%
Marsden	D	41	67%
May	R	33	83%
Moran	D	46	83%
Oder	R	94	75%
Rust, T.	R	86	60%
Saxman	R	20	50%
Scott, E.	R	30	60%
Valentine	D	23	80%
Ward	D	92	80%
Wardrup (Chair)	R	83	50%
Welch	R	21	80%
Wittman	R	99	100%

Committee Average: 71%

Notable Number

3

The number of bills passed in 2007 that mention "greenhouse gasses".

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SB 771 = Bay Bonding
 SB 817 = Right to Say No to Rezoning
 SB 1250 = Anti-SLAPP Suits
 SB 1403 = (Pre-reenactment clause)
 Citizens Board
 HB 2128 = Pro-Billboards
 HB 3068 = Reregulation

Senator	Dist.	SB771	SB 817	SB 1250	SB 1403	HB 2128	HB 3068	Patron Credit	2007 Score	2006 Score	Cum. Av. % since 2000
Bell (R)	22	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	43%	36%
Blevins (R)	14	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	43%	27%
Chichester (R)	28	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	50%	50%	51%
Colgan (D)	29	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	57%	39%
Cuccinelli (R)	37	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	57%	43%	26%
Deeds (D)	25	✓		✓	✗	✓	✗		60%	88%	84%
Devolites Davis (R)	34	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	71%	45%
Edwards (D)	21	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	67%	57%	74%
Hanger (R)	24	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	43%	25%	37%
Hawkins (R)	19	✓		✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	67%	57%	47%
Herring (D)	33	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	86%	86%	86%
Houck (D)	17	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	75%	80%
Howell (D)	32	✓		✓	✓	✓	✗		80%	100%	85%

Senator	Dist.	SB771	SB 817	SB 1250	SB 1403	HB 2128	HB 3068	Patron Credit	2007 Score	2006 Score	Cum. Av. % since 2000
Lambert (D)	9	✓		✓	✗	✗	AB		50%	57%	49%
Locke (D)	2	✓		✓	✓	✓	NV		100%	86%	83%
Lucas (D)	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		67%	86%	57%
Marsh (D)	16	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗		67%	67%	60%
Martin (R)	11	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗		33%	29%	26%
McDougle (R)	4	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	14%	25%
Miller (D)	5	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	75%	62%
Newman (R)	23	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗		33%	14%	25%
Norment (R)	3	✓		✓	✗	AB	✗		50%	80%	44%
Obenshain (R)	26	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗		33%	57%	32%
O'Brien (R)	39	✓		✓	NV	✗	✗		50%	29%	33%
Potts (R)	27	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗		60%	50%	45%
Puckett (D)	38	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	71%	29%	55%
Puller (D)	36	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗		67%	100%	70%
Quayle (R)	13	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗		33%	43%	34%
Rerras (R)	6	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	43%	28%
Reynolds (D)	20	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	71%	33%	65%
Ruff (R)	15	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗		50%	29%	21%
Saslaw (D)	35	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	50%	49%
Stolle (R)	8	✓		✓	✗	AB	✗		50%	43%	26%
Stosch (R)	12	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	33%	36%
Ticer (D)	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	86%	100%	88%
Wagner (R)	7	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	14%	21%
Wampler (R)	40	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗		40%	40%	32%
Watkins (R)	10	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	50%	50%	31%
Whipple (D)	31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	86%	86%	87%
Williams (R)	1	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	50%	29%	28%

2007 SENATE OF VIRGINIA

District	Name	Mailing Address	Phone
22	Bell, J. Brandon, II (R)	P. O. Box 21485, Roanoke, VA 24018	(540) 777-1541
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28	Chichester, John H. (R)	P. O. Box 904, Fredericksburg, VA 22404-0904	(540) 373-5600
29	Colgan, Charles J. (D)	10677 Aviation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110-2701	(703) 368-0300
37	Cuccinelli, Ken (R)	10560 Main Street, Suite LL-17, Fairfax, VA 22030	(703) 766-0635
25	Deeds, R. Creigh (D)	P. O. Box 5462, Charlottesville, VA 22905-5462	(434) 296-5491
34	Devolites Davis, Jeannemarie (R)	P. O. Box 936, Vienna, VA 22183	(703) 938-7972
21	Edwards, John S. (D)	P. O. Box 1179, Roanoke, VA 24006-1179	(540) 985-8690
24	Hanger, Emmett W., Jr. (R)	P. O. Box 2, Mount Solon, VA 22843-0002	(540) 885-6898
19	Hawkins, Charles R. (R)	P. O. Box 818, Chatham, VA 24531-0818	(434) 432-9672
33	Herring, Mark R. (D)	P. O. Box 6246, Leesburg, VA 20178	(703) 433-0048
17	Houck, R. Edward (D)	P. O. Box 7, Spotsylvania, VA 22553-0007	(540) 786-2782
32	Howell, Janet D. (D)	11338 Woodbrook Lane, Reston, VA 20194-1333	(703) 709-8283
9	Lambert, Benjamin J., III (D)	904 North First Street, Richmond, VA 23219-1002	(804) 643-3534
2	Locke, Mamie E. (D)	P. O. Box 3006, Hampton, VA 23663	(757) 825-5880
18	Lucas, L. Louise (D)	P. O. Box 700, Portsmouth, VA 23705-0700	(757) 397-8209
16	Marsh, Henry L., III (D)	422 East Franklin Street, Suite 301, Richmond, VA 23219	(804) 648-9073
11	Martin, Stephen H. (R)	P. O. Box 700, Chesterfield, VA 23832	(804) 674-0242
4	McDougle, Ryan T. (R)	P. O. Box 187, Mechanicsville, VA 23111	(804) 730-1026
5	Miller, Yvonne B. (D)	P. O. Box 452, Norfolk, VA 23501	(757) 627-4212
23	Newman, Stephen D. (R)	P. O. Box 480, Forest, VA 24551	(434) 385-1065
3	Norment, Thomas K., Jr. (R)	P. O. Box 6205, Williamsburg, VA 23188	(757) 259-7810
26	Obenshain, Mark D. (R)	P. O. Box 555, Harrisonburg, VA 22803	(540) 437-1451
39	O'Brien, Jay (R)	P. O. Box 5, Clifton, VA 20124	(703) 750-0936
27	Potts, H. Russell, Jr. (R)	14 North Braddock Street, Winchester, VA 22601-4120	(540) 665-2092
38	Puckett, Phillip P. (D)	P. O. Box 924, Tazewell, VA 24651-0924	(276) 979-8181
36	Puller, Linda T. (D)	P. O. Box 73, Mount Vernon, VA 22121-0073	(703) 765-1150
13	Quayle, Frederick M. (R)	P. O. Box 368, Suffolk, VA 23439	(757) 483-9173
6	Rerras, Nick (R)	1518 Springmeadow Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23518-4814	(757) 855-7044
20	Reynolds, Wm. Roscoe (D)	P. O. Box 404, Martinsville, VA 24114-0404	(276) 638-2315
15	Ruff, Frank M., Jr. (R)	P. O. Box 332, Clarksville, VA 23927-0332	(434) 372-0551
35	Saslaw, Richard L. (D)	P. O. Box 1856, Springfield, VA 22151-0856	(703) 978-0200
8	Stolle, Kenneth W. (R)	2101 Parks Avenue, Suite 700, Virginia Beach, VA 23451	(757) 486-5700
12	Stosch, Walter A. (R)	Innsbrook Centre 4551 Cox Road, Suite 110, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6740	(804) 527-7780
30	Ticer, Patricia S. (D)	Room 2007, City Hall 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3211	(703) 549-5770
7	Wagner, Frank W. (R)	P. O. Box 68008, Virginia Beach, VA 23471	(757) 671-2250
40	Wampler, William C., Jr. (R)	510 Cumberland Street, Suite 308, Bristol, VA 24201-4387	(276) 669-7515
10	Watkins, John (R)	P. O. Box 159, Midlothian, VA 23113-0159	(804) 379-2063
31	Whipple, Mary Margaret (D)	3556 North Valley Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4445	(703) 538-4097
1	Williams, Martin E. (R)	P. O. Box 1096, Newport News, VA 23601-1096	(757) 599-8683



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 SB 1416 = Electric Utility Regulation

Delegate	District	HB 2854	SB 771	SB 1102	SB 1250	SB 1396	SB 1416	Patron Credit	2007 Score	2006 Score	Cum. Av. % since 2000
Abbitt (I)	59	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗		80%	50%	53%
Albo (R)	42	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	38%	40%
Alexander (D)	89	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗		83%	63%	67%
Amundson (D)	44	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	75%	71%
Armstrong (D)	10	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	57%	63%
Athey (R)	18	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	100%	71%	67%
BaCote (D)	95	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	50%	56%
Barlow (D)	64	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	38%	53%
Bell (R)	58	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	38%	47%
Bowling (D)	3	✗	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	50%	38%	43%
Brink (D)	48	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	75%	78%
Bulova (D)	37	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	88%	85%
Byron (R)	22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		67%	44%	40%
Callahan (R)	34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	86%	67%	60%

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Caputo (D)	67	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	88%	86%
Carrico (R)	5	✓	NV	✗	✓		✗		50%	50%	31%
Cline (R)	24	✗	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	67%	56%	41%
Cole (R)	88	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	67%	59%
Cosgrove (R)	78	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	67%	56%	51%
Cox (R)	66	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	38%	46%
Crockett-Stark (R)	6	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	38%	46%
Dance (D)	63	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	50%	62%
Dudley (R)	9	✓	NV	✗	✓	✓	✓		80%	38%	40%
Ebbin (D)	49	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	100%	93%
Eisenberg (D)	47	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	89%	86%
Englin (D)	45	NV	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	80%	100%	93%
Fralin (R)	17	✓	✓	✗	✓		✓	✓	83%	63%	65%
Frederick (R)	52	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		100%	67%	70%
Gear (R)	91	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	67%	29%	54%
Gilbert (R)	15	✗	NV	✓	✓		✗		50%	50%	50%
Griffith (R)	8	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		67%	67%	50%
Hall (D)	69	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	63%	62%
Hamilton (R)	93	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	44%	42%
Hargrove (R)	55	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		50%	38%	45%
Hogan (R)	60	✗	✓	✓	✓		✗		60%	38%	35%
Howell (R)	28	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	50%	48%
Howell, A (D)	90	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	38%	44%
Hugo (R)	40	NV	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	67%	63%	52%
Hull (D)	38	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	86%	63%
Hurt (R)	16	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	50%	49%
Iaquinto (R)	84	✓	✓	✗	✓		✓		80%	43%	58%
Ingram (R)	62	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	38%	43%
Janis (R)	56	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	38%	42%

Delegate	District	HB 2854	SB 771	SB 1102	SB 1250	SB 1396	SB 1416	Patron Credit	2007 Score	2006 Score	Cum. Av. % since 2000
Joannou (D)	79	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		50%	38%	45%
Johnson (D)	4	✓	✓	NV	NV	✗	NV		67%	38%	44%
Jones, DC (D)	70	✓	NV	✓	✓	✗	✗		60%	75%	62%
Jones, SC (R)	76	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	38%	43%
Kilgore (R)	1	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%	38%	35%
Landes (R)	25	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	67%	44%	52%
Lewis (D)	100	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	78%	86%
Lingamfelter (R)	31	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		100%	50%	60%
Lohr (R)	26	✗	✓	✗	✓		✗		40%	50%	46%
Marsden (D)	41	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	67%	63%	64%
Marshall, D (R)	14	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	38%	35%
Marshall, R (R)	13	✓	NV	✓	✓		✓	✓	100%	67%	73%
May (R)	33	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	63%	56%
McClellan (D)	71	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗		83%	100%	93%
McEachin (D)	74	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	50%	62%
McQuigg (R)	51	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	56%	65%
Melvin (D)	80	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		67%	57%	64%
Miller, J (R)	51	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	*	60%
Miller, P (D)	87	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	63%	52%
Moran (D)	46	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	89%	80%
Morgan (R)	98	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓		100%	44%	60%
Nixon (R)	27	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		50%	38%	43%
Nutter (R)	7	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	100%	38%	59%
O'Bannon (R)	73	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	44%	51%
Oder (R)	94	✓	✓	AB	✓		✗		75%	57%	43%
Orrock (R)	54	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	50%	49%
Peace (R)	97	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	63%	71%
Phillips (D)	2	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	38%	43%
Plum (D)	36	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	86%	100%	85%

Delegate	District	HB 2854	SB 771	SB 1102	SB 1250	SB 1396	SB 1416	Patron Credit	2007 Score	2006 Score	Cum. Av. % since 2000
Poisson (D)	32	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	67%	56%	60%
Purkey (R)	82	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		67%	43%	39%
Putney (I)	19	✓	✓	NV	✓		✗		75%	38%	38%
Rapp (R)	96	✗	✓	✗	✓		✗		40%	50%	37%
Reid (R)	72	✓	✓	NV	✓		✗		75%	44%	43%
Rust (R)	86	✓	✓	✗	✓		✗		60%	56%	57%
Saxman (R)	20	✗	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	50%	38%	43%
Scott, E (R)	30	✗	✓	✗	✓		✓		60%	38%	41%
Scott, J (D)	53	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	100%	81%
Shannon (D)	35	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	83%	63%	71%
Sherwood (R)	29	✓	✓	✗	✓		✓		80%	38%	40%
Shuler (D)	12	✓	✓	✓	NV		NV		100%	83%	73%
Sickles (D)	43	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	✗	✓	80%	89%	85%
Spruill (D)	77	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	50%	51%
Suit (R)	81	✓	✓	✗	✓	NV	✗		60%	38%	33%
Tata (R)	85	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		83%	50%	47%
Toscano (D)	57	✓	NV	✓	✓		✗		75%	88%	83%
Tyler (D)	75	✓	NV	✓	✓		✗		75%	38%	50%
Valentine (D)	23	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	75%	77%
Waddell (I)	68	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	63%	69%
Ward (D)	92	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	63%	60%
Wardrup	83	✗	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	50%	43%	30%
Ware	65	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	71%	44%	56%
Ware, O	11	✓	NV	✓	✓		✗		75%	38%	50%
Watts	39	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%	88%	77%
Welch	21	✓	✓	✗	✓		✓		80%	50%	37%
Wittman	99	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	100%	89%	93%
Wright	61	✗	✓	✓	✓		✓		80%	63%	46%

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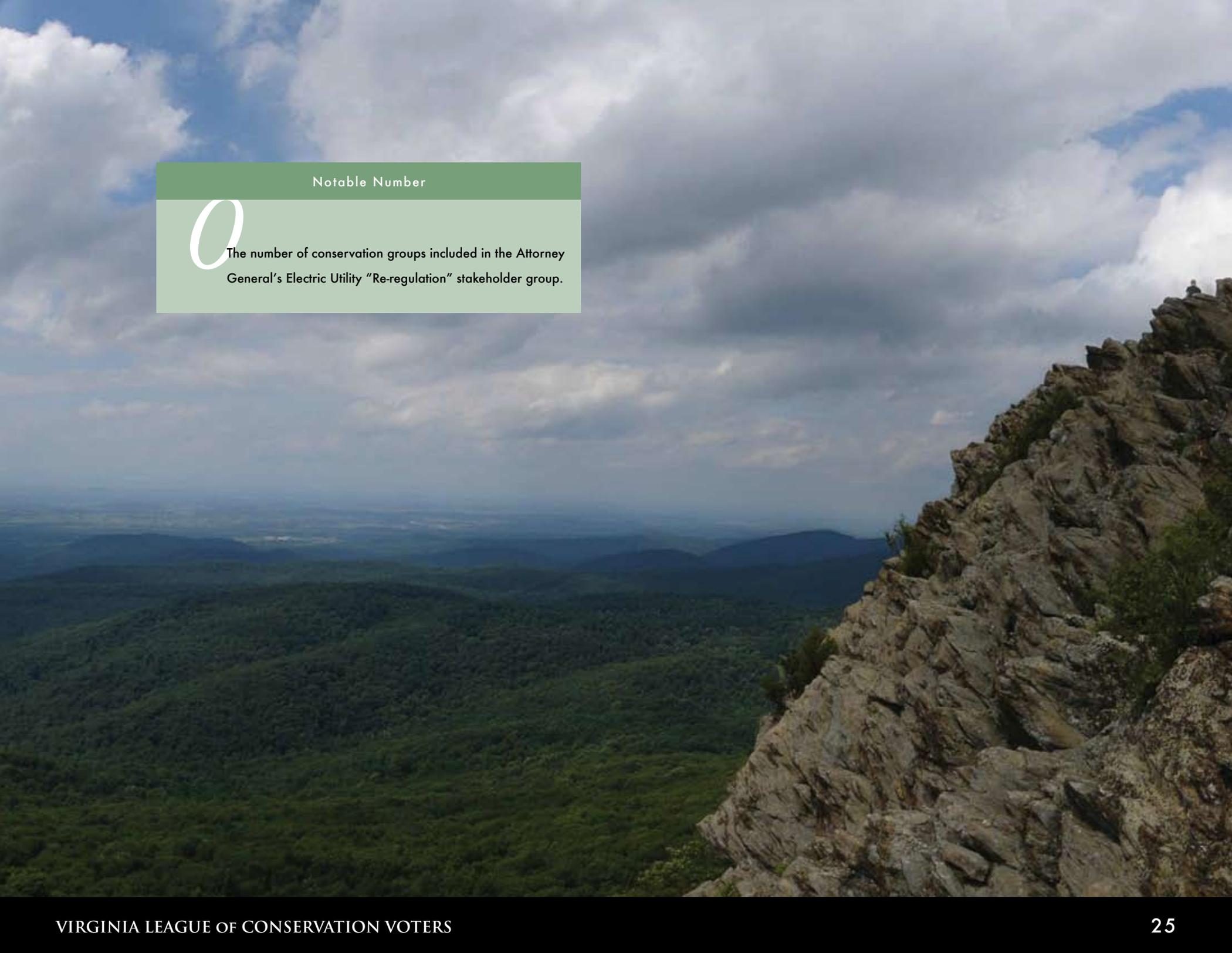
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59th	Abbitt, Watkins M., Jr. (I)	P.O. Box 683 Appomattox, VA 24522	(434) 352-2880
42nd	Albo, David B. (R)	6367 Rolling Mill Place, Suite 102 Springfield, VA 22152	(703) 451-3555
89th	Alexander, Kenneth C. (D)	7246 Granby Street Norfolk, VA 23505	(757) 628-1000
44th	Amundson, Kristen J. (D)	P.O. Box 143 Mount Vernon, VA 22121	(703) 619-0444
10th	Armstrong, Ward L. (D)	P.O. Box 1431 Martinsville, VA 24114	(276) 632-7022
18th	Athey, Clifford L., Jr. (R)	35 N. Royal Avenue Front Royal, VA 22630	(540) 635-2123
95th	BaCote, Mamy E. (D)	2600 Washington Avenue, Suite 1000 Newport News, VA 23607	(757) 244-4415
64th	Barlow, William K. (D)	P.O. Box 240 Smithfield, VA 23431	(757) 357-9720
58th	Bell, Robert B. (R)	2309 Finch Court Charlottesville, VA 22911	(434) 245-8900
3rd	Bowling, Dan C. (D)	P.O. Box 429 Oakwood, VA 24631	(276) 498-7207
48th	Brink, Robert H. (D)	P.O. Box 7668 Arlington, VA 22207	(703) 531-1048
37th	Bulova, David L. (D)	P.O. Box 106 Fairfax Station, VA 22039	(703) 310-6752
22nd	Byron, Kathy J. (R)	523 Leesville Road Lynchburg, VA 24502	(434) 582-1592
34th	Callahan, Vincent F., Jr. (R)	P.O. Box 1173 McLean, VA 22101	(703) 356-1925
67th	Caputo, C. Charles (D)	P.O. Box 222154 Chantilly, VA 20153	(703) 476-6944
5th	Carrico, Charles W., Sr. (R)	578 E. Main Street, Suite B, P.O. Box 188 Independence, VA 24348	(276) 773-9600
24th	Cline, Benjamin L. (R)	P.O. Box 1405 Amherst, VA 24521	(434) 946-9908
88th	Cole, Mark L. (R)	P.O. Box 6046 Fredericksburg, VA 22403	(540) 752-8200
78th	Cosgrove, John A. (R)	P.O. Box 15483 Chesapeake, VA 23328	(757) 547-3422
66th	Cox, M. Kirkland (R)	131 Old Brickhouse Lane Colonial Heights, VA 23834	(804) 526-5135
6th	Crockett-Stark, Anne B. (R)	440 West Franklin Street, P.O. Box 628 Wytheville, VA 24382	(276) 227-0247
63rd	Dance, Rosalyn R. (D)	P.O. Box 2584 Petersburg, VA 23804	(804) 862-2922
9th	Dudley, Allen W. (R)	1521 Altice Mill Road Rocky Mount, VA 24151	(540) 489-8989
49th	Ebbin, Adam P. (D)	P.O. Box 41870 Arlington, VA 22204	(703) 549-8253
47th	Eisenberg, Albert C. (D)	P.O. Box 969 Arlington, VA 22216	(703) 228-7909
45th	Englin, David L. (D)	City Hall, 301 King Street, Box 65 Alexandria, VA 22314	(703) 549-3203
17th	Fralin, William H., Jr. (R)	P.O. Box 20363 Roanoke, VA 24018	(540) 772-7600
52nd	Frederick, Jeffrey M. (R)	P.O. Box 58 Woodbridge, VA 22194	(703) 490-8405
91st	Gear, Thomas D. (R)	P.O. Box 7496 Hampton, VA 23666	(757) 825-1943
15th	Gilbert, C. Todd (R)	P.O. Box 309 Woodstock, VA 22664	(540) 459-7550
8th	Griffith, H. Morgan (R)	P.O. Box 1250 Salem, VA 24153	(540) 389-4498
69th	Hall, Franklin P. (D)	P.O. Box 3407 Richmond, VA 23235	(804) 897-5900
93rd	Hamilton, Phillip A. (R)	P.O. Box 1585 Newport News, VA 23601	(757) 249-2580

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90th	Howell, Algje T., Jr. (D)	P.O. Box 12865 Norfolk, VA 23541	(757) 466-7525
28th	Howell, William J. (R)	P.O. Box 8296 Fredericksburg, VA 22404	(540) 371-1612
40th	Hugo, Timothy D. (R)	P.O. Box 893 Centreville, VA 20122	(703) 968-4101
38th	Hull, Robert D. (D)	P.O. Box 2331 Falls Church, VA 22042	(703) 573-4855
16th	Hurt, Robert (R)	P.O. Box 2 Chatham, VA 24531	(434) 432-4600
84th	Iaquinto, Salvatore R. (R)	P. O. Box 6888 Virginia Beach, VA 23456	(757) 430-0102
62nd	Ingram, Riley E. (R)	3302 Oaklawn Boulevard Hopewell, VA 23860	(804) 458-9873
56th	Janis, William R. (R)	P.O. Box 3703 Glen Allen, VA 23058	(804) 726-5856
79th	Joannou, Johnny S.	709 Court Street Portsmouth, VA 23704	(757) 399-1700
4th	Johnson, Joseph P., Jr.	164 E. Valley Street Abingdon, VA 24210	(276) 628-9940
70th	Jones, Dwight Clinton	P.O. Box 2347 Richmond, VA 23218	(804) 233-7679
76th	Jones, S. Chris (R)	P.O. Box 5059 Suffolk, VA 23435	(757) 483-6242
1st	Kilgore, Terry G. (R)	P.O. Box 669 Gate City, VA 24251	(276) 386-7011
25th	Landes, R. Steven (R)	P.O. Box 42 Weyers Cave, VA 24486	(540) 245-5540
100th	Lewis, Lynwood W., Jr. (D)	P.O. Box 760 Accomack, VA 23301	(757) 787-1094
31st	Lingamfelter, L. Scott (R)	5420 Lomax Way Woodbridge, VA 22193	(703) 580-1294
26th	Lohr, Matthew J. (R)	P.O. Box 1413 Harrisonburg, VA 22803	(540) 437-1450
41st	Marsden, David W. (D)	9322 Jackson Street Burke, VA 22015	(703) 323-4733
14th	Marshall, Daniel W., III (R)	1088 Industrial Avenue Danville, VA 24541	(434) 797-5861
13th	Marshall, Robert G. (R)	P.O. Box 421 Manassas, VA 20108	(703) 361-5416
33rd	May, Joe T. (R)	P.O. Box 2146 Leesburg, VA 20177	(703) 777-1191
71st	McClellan, Jennifer L. (D)	P.O. Box 406 Richmond, VA 23218	(804) 698-1171
74th	McEachin, A. Donald (D)	5905 W. Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230	(804) 288-3381
51st	McQuigg, Michèle B. (R)	P.O. Box 8 Occoquan, VA 22125	(703) 491-9870
80th	Melvin, Kenneth R. (D)	801 Water Street, Suite 300 Portsmouth, VA 23704	(757) 397-2800
50th	Miller, Jackson H. (R)	P. O. Box 10072 Manassas, VA 20108	(703) 244-6172
87th	Miller, Paula J. (D)	P.O. Box 8757 Norfolk, VA 23503	(757) 587-8757
46th	Moran, Brian J. (D)	4154 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22304	(703) 370-2890
98th	Morgan, Harvey B. (R)	P.O. Box 949 Gloucester, VA 23061	(804) 693-4750
27th	Nixon, Samuel A., Jr. (R)	P.O. Box 34908 Richmond, VA 23234	(804) 745-4335

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94th	Oder, G. Glenn (R)	P.O. Box 6161 Newport News, VA 23606	(757) 930-8683
54th	Orrock, Robert D., Sr. (R)	P.O. Box 458 Thornburg, VA 22565	(540) 891-1322
97th	Peace, Christopher Kilian (R)	P.O. Box 819 Mechanicsville, VA 23111	(804) 730-3737
2nd	Phillips, Clarence E. (D)	P.O. Box 36 Castlewood, VA 24224	(276) 762-9758
36th	Plum, Kenneth R. (D)	2073 Cobblestone Lane Reston, VA 20191	(703) 758-9733
32nd	Poisson, David E. (D)	2 Pidgeon Hill Drive, Suite 340 Sterling, VA 20165	(703) 421-6899
82nd	Purkey, Harry R. (R)	2352 Leeward Shore Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23451	(757) 481-1493
19th	Putney, Lacey E. (I)	P.O. Box 127 Bedford, VA 24523	(540) 586-0080
96th	Rapp, Melanie L. (R)	P.O. Box 1529 Yorktown, VA 23692	(757) 886-1000
72nd	Reid, John S. (R)	P.O. Box 29566 Richmond, VA 23242	(804) 741-2927
86th	Rust, Thomas Davis (R)	730 Elden Street Herndon, VA 20170	(703) 437-9400
20th	Saxman, Christopher B. (R)	P.O. Box 2517 Staunton, VA 24401	(540) 886-8284
30th	Scott, Edward T. (R)	206 S. Main Street, Suite 203 Culpeper, VA 22701	(540) 825-6400
53rd	Scott, James M. (D)	P.O. Box 359 Merrifield, VA 22116	(703) 560-8338
35th	Shannon, Stephen C. (D)	P.O. Box 1143 Vienna, VA 22183	(703) 281-5200
29th	Sherwood, Beverly J. (R)	P.O. Box 2014 Winchester, VA 22604	(540) 667-8947
12th	Shuler, James M. (D)	1480 S. Main Street Blacksburg, VA 24060	(540) 953-1103
43rd	Sickles, Mark D. (D)	P.O. Box 10628 Alexandria, VA 22310	(703) 922-6440
77th	Spruill, Lionell, Sr. (D)	P.O. Box 5403 Chesapeake, VA 23324	(757) 424-2178
81st	Suit, Terrie L. (R)	P.O. Box 7031 Virginia Beach, VA 23457	(757) 421-3309
85th	Tata, Robert (R)	4536 Gleneagle Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23462	(757) 340-3510
57th	Toscano, David J. (D)	211 E. High Street Charlottesville, VA 22902	(434) 220-1660
75th	Tyler, Roslyn C. (D)	25359 Blue Star Highway Jarratt, VA 23867	(434) 336-1710
23rd	Valentine, Shannon R. (D)	1022 Commerce Street, Suite 3B Lynchburg, VA 24504	(434) 455-1208
68th	Waddell, Katherine B. (I)	P.O. Box 8702 Richmond, VA 23226	(804) 698-1068
83rd	Wardrup, Leo C., Jr. (R)	P.O. Box 5266 Virginia Beach, VA 23471	(757) 490-8383
92nd	Ward, Jeion A. (D)	P.O. Box 7310 Hampton, VA 23666	(757) 827-5921
11th	Ware, Onzlee (D)	325 North Jefferson Street Roanoke, VA 24016	(540) 344-7410
65th	Ware, R. Lee, Jr. (R)	P.O. Box 689 Powhatan, VA 23139	(804) 598-6696
39th	Watts, Vivian E. (D)	8717 Mary Lee Lane Annandale, VA 22003	(703) 978-2989
21st	Welch, John J., III (R)	326 Lynn Shores Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23452	(757) 340-2800
99th	Wittman, Robert J. (R)	P.O. Box 995 Montross, VA 22520	(804) 493-0508
61st	Wright, Thomas C., Jr. (R)	P.O. Box 1323 Victoria, VA 23974	(434) 696-3061



Notable Number

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The number of conservation groups included in the Attorney General's Electric Utility "Re-regulation" stakeholder group.

LEGISLATIVE HEROES

Our Legislative Heroes show special dedication to conservation priorities. The two senators and eight delegates voted the right way on the VALCV bills selected for the 2007 Scorecard – even on legislation that benefitted electric utilities. These legislators deserve a special show of support for their hard work, integrity, and dedication to environmental concerns – especially when that’s the toughest vote.



Senator R. Edward Houck

“My district in Central Virginia includes valuable natural resources like the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers as well as priceless historic resources and Civil War battlefields. Rapid residential growth is threatening our water supply and devouring our agricultural land.”



Senator Mamie E. Locke

“Virginia’s environmental and energy policies are important to my district because of our proximity to the Chesapeake Bay and other major waterways whose protection are significant to our environment. Additionally, this district is in the heart of major transportation routes that require environmentally sound and energy efficient policies.”



Delegate Clifford L. Athey, Jr.

“As a descendant of some of the first Englishmen to cross the Northern Piedmont and into the Shenandoah Valley, I believe it is my duty to preserve to as much of the pristine mountains, streams, and valleys that they saw for the first time in the late 1700’s, for my children’s generation and all the generations of my family and so many others who chose to settle in what I believe is the most beautiful place in the world, my home.”



Delegate Jeffrey M. Frederick

“I represent all of the Potomac River bordering Prince William County, and I’m an avid sailor. I love the water, and it is an incredible asset to our community and our region. Our environmental resources are an important part of our special quality of life and I am proud to be among those working to preserve and protect these resources.”



Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter

“I believe that God calls us to be good stewards of His creation. In that regard, I think that we have to make the environment a priority. Secondly, it comes down to good quality of life policy. People should have the expectation of clean air, clean water, and an environment in which they can enjoy and live safely. Finally, it’s about promoting good business policy in Virginia. When we do things like clean up the Chesapeake Bay, we are taking a major step to revitalize Virginia’s seafood industry, particularly in the Northern Neck and Tidewater. And as we clean up our rivers and streams that form the Chesapeake Bay Basin, we will also enhance recreational use. In sum, being pro-environment is being pro-business, pro-family, and responsible stewards of this good Earth.”



Delegate Robert G. Marshall

“Conserving our natural resources (1) preserves the land and its riches for ourselves and our posterity; (2) it reminds us of our roots, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.” (Genesis 2:15); and (3) wasting our natural resources amounts to stealing from our neighbors and our children. And that is wrong.”



Delegate Harvey B. Morgan

"I live and grew up on the Chesapeake Bay and I have seen it change significantly over my lifetime. I know that we can improve the health of the Bay, that the harmful changes we have made are not permanent. We must work to save the Bay and to preserve all of Virginia's natural resources."



Delegate David A. Nutter

"Living in Southwest Virginia we love our mountains and open valleys. The land is part of the culture of our region and has shaped the destiny of our communities. In spite of our growing urbanization, the people of Southwest Virginia love the rural life and the open spaces and clean mountain air. . .If we are to protect the things that have made the Commonwealth a bountiful state, our environment and our land, then we must adopt policies that will enhance and achieve those goals."



Delegate James M. Shuler

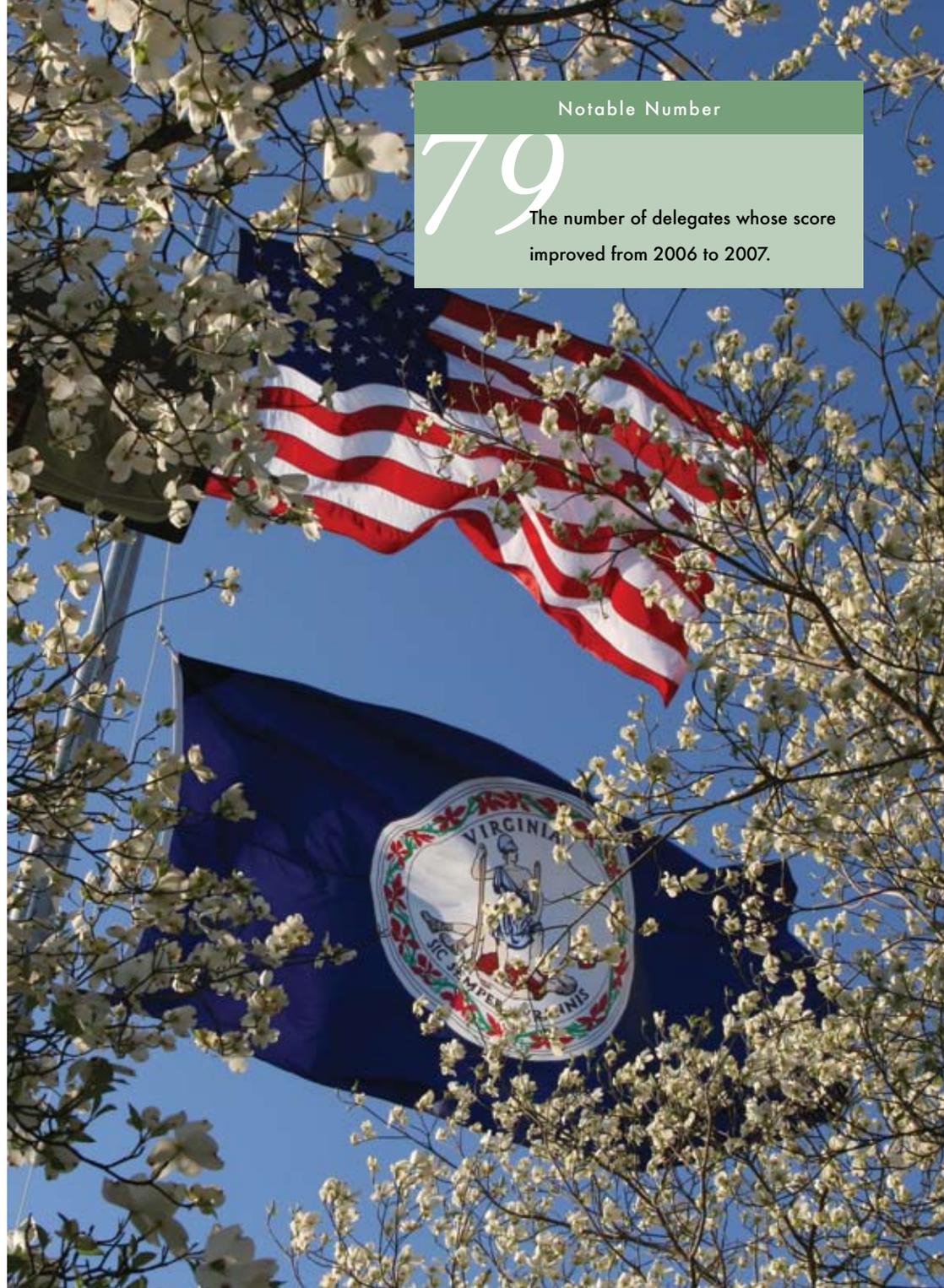
Delegate Shuler was unable to provide a quote.



Delegate Robert J. Wittman

"In my district our environment and our economy go hand in hand. Since much of our economy involves farming, fishing and forestry, by protecting and conserving our natural resources we also strengthen the economy of the region. Without a healthy and vibrant environment and bountiful natural resources the economy of the 99th District would falter, knowing the role that the environment and natural resources plays in this region makes it impossible not to work to protect it."

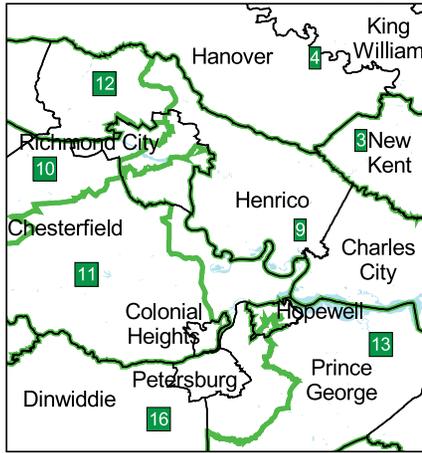
"My constituents know that the protecting and conserving our natural resources is one of my key issues. I ran on the promise that I would work to protect our environment and natural resources, my 100% score will demonstrate my commitment."



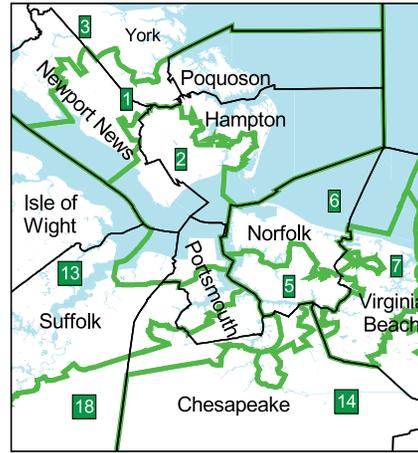
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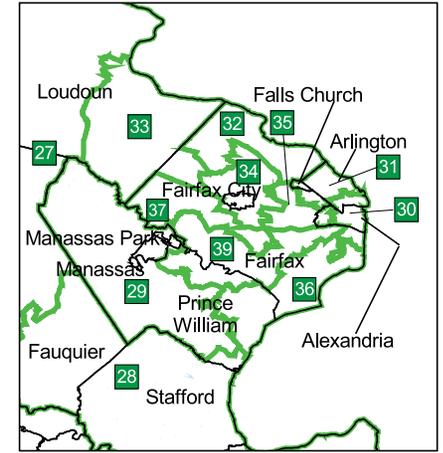
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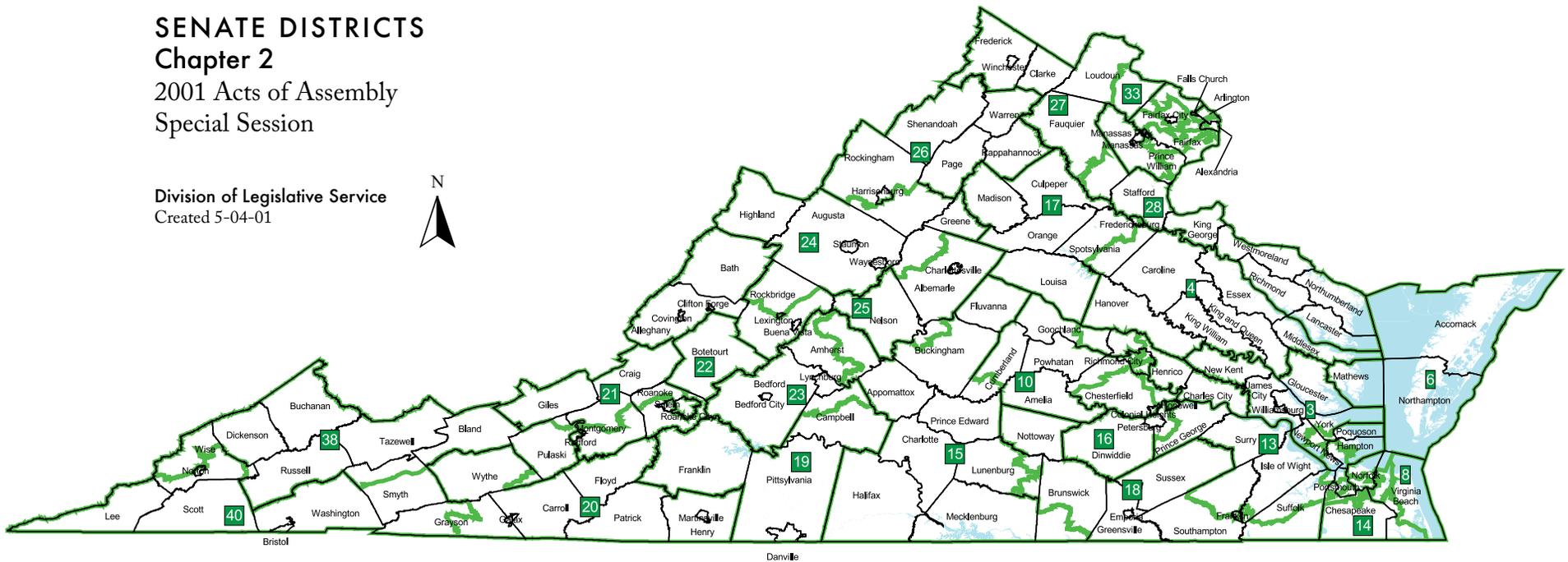
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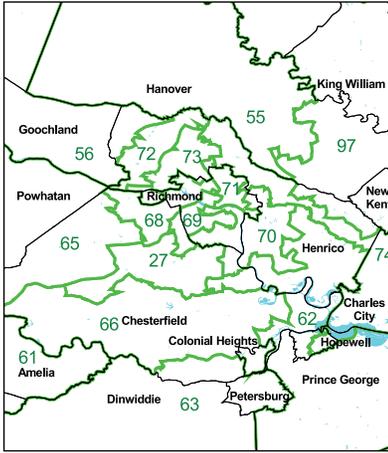


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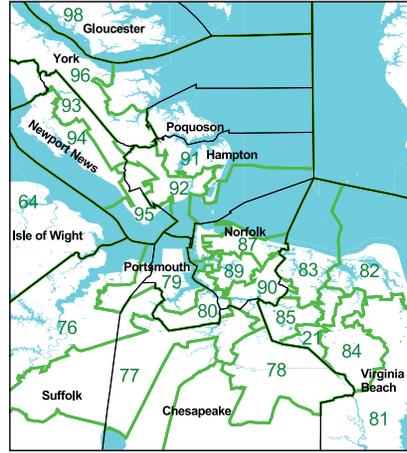
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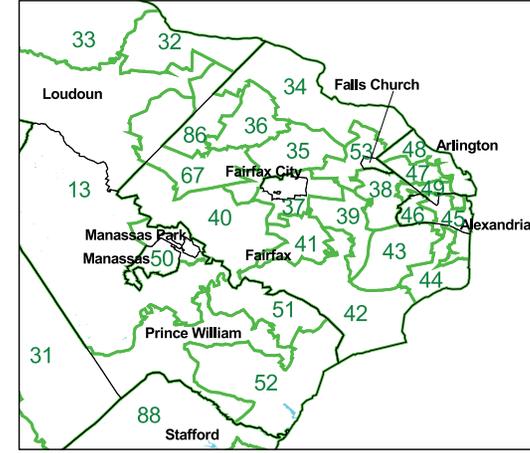




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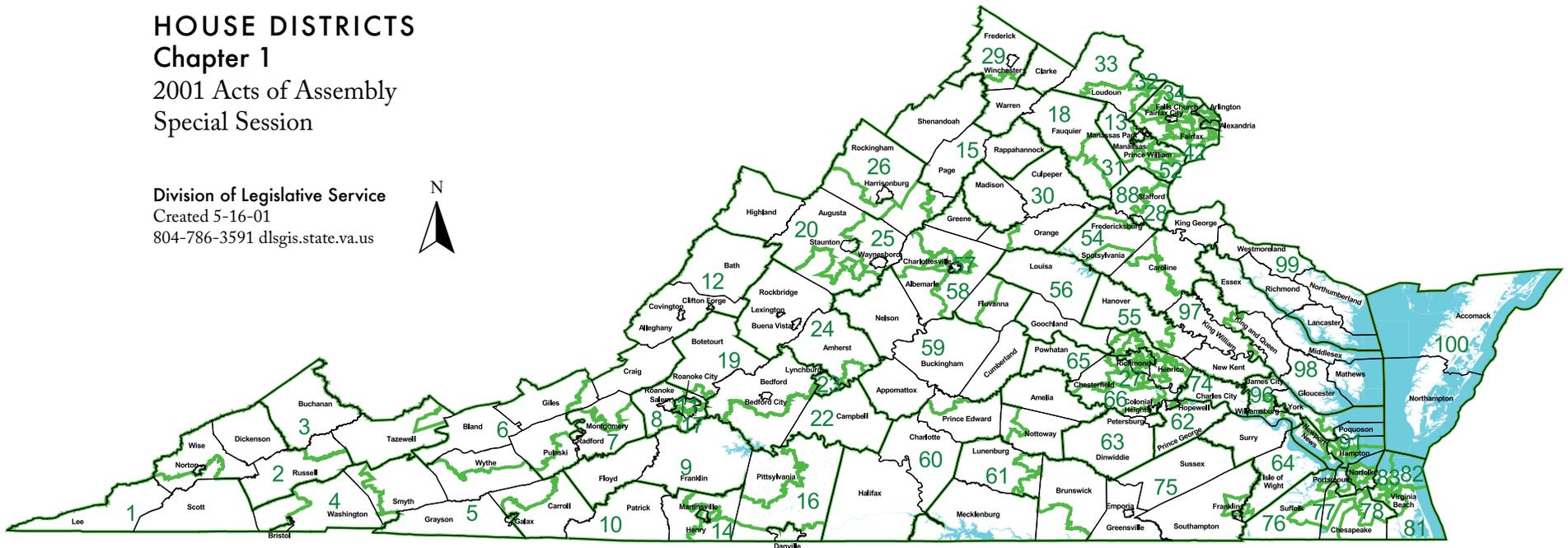
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A CYCLE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...AT HOME, IN RICHMOND & ONLINE!

Political and legislative advocacy is a year-run 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 LCTs 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 a 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 and the Virginia League of Conservation Voters 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 joint effort brought in almost 200 members, covering 34 Senate districts and 67 House districts. This program has brought in a record number of participants willing to speak to their legislators directly as a result of the LCT program building efforts. 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!

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 the bottom of our home page at www.valcv.org.

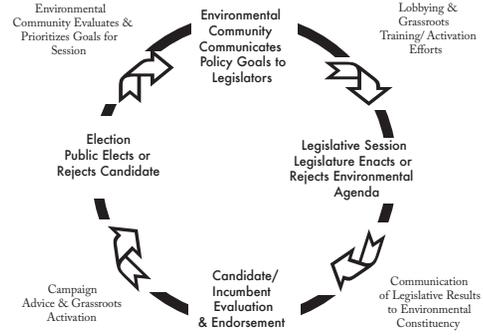


VALCV ONLINE

Keep an eye on www.valcv.org to stay abreast of our many 2007 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 2008 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



THE ENDORSEMENT PROCESS

The Conservation Scorecard is also used as a factor in candidate endorsements, in addition to 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 out endorsements with expertise - assisting candidates with the media, the fundraising, and the grassroots organizing strategies they need to win. We work to educate voters, then help get out the vote on Election Day. For more information go to www.valcv.org.

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 the tough legislation at the General Assembly.

- Citizens for a Better Dinwiddie
- 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

YOU KNOW THE SCORE...

1. Hold your legislators accountable. Use the rosters on pages 17 and 22 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 2007 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 <http://www.valcv.org>.
3. Support our work. VALCV is the political arm 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 with 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 and join our Conservation e-Action Virginia! (CAV!) email alert system. See www.valcv.org for more details.

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 launched the 2007 endorsement proves for the Senate of Virginia and House of Delegates—stay tuned to www.valcv.org to learn who deserves your support. We also 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.

Notable Number

10

Legislative "Heroes"
earning 100% scores.

Notable Number

54

Legislative "Leaders"
earning 75 - 99%
scores.



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To the end that the people have clean air, pure water, and the use and enjoyment for recreation of adequate public lands, waters and other natural resources, it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth to conserve, develop and utilize its natural resources, its public lands and its historical sites and buildings. Further, it shall be the Commonwealth's policy to protect its atmosphere, lands, and waters from pollution, impairment or destruction for the benefit, enjoyment and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

-Article XI, Virginia Constitution



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