



House P&E Election Administration Subcommittee, 1-27-25

HB1657 Henson SUPPORT

Voter registration, regular periodic review of registration records; 90-day quiet period before all primary and general elections.

STATEMENT

The League supports HB1657. The bill provides for a 90-day quiet period before Virginia elections, when the state cannot conduct systematic voter purges. It parallels the federal law requiring a 90-day quiet period leading up to federal elections.

[If the patron offers a substitute that follows SB813, add:] The bill also recognizes that the mail delivery service is not reliable, so voters need twice the time to receive and respond to notices of impending cancellation.

[If the patron doesn't offer a substitute, say:] We urge the committee to conform the bill to SB813, which recognizes that the mail delivery is unreliable and voters need twice the amount of time to receive and respond to notices of impending cancellation.

HB1794 Helmer NO STATEMENT

Elections; primary dates, presidential year primaries.

HB1938 Reid NO STATEMENT

Elections; general provisions, prohibited area.

HB1863 Bloxom NO STATEMENT

Voter registration; time period for closing registration records before elections

HB1953 Wachsmann SUPPORT

Elections ; prohibited area within 10 feet of the curbside voting area

STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters agrees that curbside voters should have their privacy protected. Adding a few feet to the normal perimeter for all voters helps shield them from distribution of campaign materials and campaign activities while they are voting. We urge you to vote in support of HB1953.

HB2002 Laufer SUPPORT

Voter registration; cancellation of registration, sources of data.

STATEMENT

The League supports HB2002, which protects voters from having their registration cancelled improperly. Registrars could use only certain official sources or the voter's own request to remove the voter from the voter rolls.

HB2056 Reaser NO STATEMENT

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

HB2057 Green NO STATEMENT

Voter registration; automatic registration of hunting, fishing, and milk distributor license.

HB2277 Price SUPPORT

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

STATEMENT

The League supports HB2277. Past experience shows that the law needs to be clarified that the job of a local electoral board to certify an election in Virginia is ministerial, meaning that the electoral board and its members have no discretion when it comes to certifying results. The bill codifies the clarification.

HB2402 Oates OPPOSE

Elections; affirmation statement in lieu of identification, additional information required.

STATEMENT

The League opposes HB2402. Requiring voters to provide additional personal data on their Voter ID Confirmation Statement would needlessly turn legitimate voters away from the ballot box.

HB2434 Griffin OPPOSE

Voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.

STATEMENT

This bill would reverse important current law that doesn't require every voter to present a photo ID in order to vote in person. A photo ID rule existed in Virginia between 2014 and 2020, only six years in the Commonwealth's long history. Voters have voted without incident both before and since that time. Many older voters and those who do not drive lack a photo ID; and getting one, even a free one, would create a hurdle for these voters to overcome. Voters in cities who don't have driver's licenses and work in jobs that do not allow for much time off during the working day – would be unable to get an alternate ID. This bill disenfranchises too many citizens. We urge you to vote no on HB2434.

HB2444 Griffin NO STATEMENT

Voter registration; list of registered voters and persons voting at elections.

HB2445 Scott, P.A. OPPOSE

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

STATEMENT

HB2445 would unduly restrict early in-person voting to 14 days for General and Primary Elections. Since ballots must be ready 45 days before an election for mailing to military and overseas voters, there is no reason to make voters at home wait longer. Many of those voters work long hours, work multiple jobs, care for children, or care for elders, including some combination of those demands. Many who are themselves elderly must rely on others to get to the polls. Many voters have long commutes and cannot be sure they could get to their polling place on Election Day. Yet, they prefer to vote in person. They should not be deprived of the opportunity they already have to vote conveniently.

HB2478 Zehr NO STATEMENT

absentee voting; drop-off locations for return of absentee ballots.

HB2508 Griffin OPPOSE

Voter registration; high school registration activities and parental consent.

STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters of Virginia opposes HB 2508. Current law requires high schools to give students the opportunity to register to vote during school hours. Additionally, the Department of Elections requires individuals who assist with registering voters, including students, to complete a third party registration course every year to ensure the proper handling of registration information and the forms. Virginia High Schools value the assistance that third party trained individuals, including members of the League of Women Voters, have long provided.

HB2513 Scott, P.A. NO STATEMENT

Voter registration; cancellation of registration, notice of cancellation, new address if available.

HB2586 Cordoza NO STATEMENT

Voter registration; automatic registration upon application for hunting and fishing license.

HB2668 Simon NO STATEMENT

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

HB2672 Phillips NO STATEMENT

Elections; electoral board appointments, up to five party recommendations. The bill also strengthens record keeping requirements, so that a voter who is disenfranchised by mistake can find out what happened.

The bill codifies in detail security and list maintenance procedures that are already in place throughout the Commonwealth. Every locality has a security plan in place, subject to annual reconsideration. The Department of Elections' IT team can assist any locality that needs help in reaching minimum standards. Change of address procedures are already in place, but the bill spells out the standards.