



House Privileges and Elections Committee January 22, 2025

Administrative actions:

HB1862 Bloxom [note, similar to HB 1574, which was tabled on Monday by the Election Administration Subcommittee]

Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to primary election.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia opposes HB 1863. The bill would unduly restrict early in-person voting to 14 days for a Primary Election. 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.

Bills to be heard by P&E Full Committee

HB1744 Watts

Candidates for office; persons entitled to have name printed on ballot; required campaign finance reports.

The League of Women Voters supports HB 1744 for its means of enforcing the law requiring that campaign finances must be reported. Virginia continues to rank near the bottom of all states and the District of Columbia in enactment and enforcement of effective campaign integrity and regulation.