



**Senate Courts of Justice Committee  
February 4, 2026**

[SB34 - Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.](#) Patron: Favola

The League of Women Voters of Virginia has firsthand knowledge regarding the need for this legislation. One of our members was approached by a woman who sought limited guardianship for her daughter, a woman with Down's Syndrome who had voted before and had a job. Her mother did this to protect her assets from a scam artist who might play on her kind heart. At no time during this process did the judge or any attorney explain to her mother that this would deprive her daughter of her voting rights. It wasn't until the daughter went to vote in the next election that she learned she had been disenfranchised. We applaud Senator Favola for this bill and strongly urge the Committee to pass it.