

HB 1686 - Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions.

Chief Patron: Convirs-Fowler

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-3711, 24.2-946, and 24.2-948.4 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 9.3 of Title 24.2 sections numbered 24.2-948.6, 24.2-948.7, and 24.2-948.8, relating to campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions. Prohibits any person from converting contributions to a candidate or his campaign committee for personal use. Current law only prohibits such conversion of contributions with regard to disbursement of surplus funds at the dissolution of a campaign or political committee. The bill provides that a contribution is considered to have been converted to personal use if the contribution, in whole or in part, is used to fulfill any commitment, obligation, or expense that would exist irrespective of the person's seeking, holding, or maintaining public office but allows a contribution to be used for the ordinary and accepted expenses related to campaigning for or holding elective office, including the use of campaign funds to pay for the candidate's dependent care expenses that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity. The bill provides that any person subject to the personal use ban may request an advisory opinion from the State Board of Elections on such matters. The bill directs the State Board of Elections to adopt emergency regulations similar to those promulgated by the Federal Election Commission to implement the provisions of the bill and to publish an updated summary of Virginia campaign finance law that reflects the State Board of Elections' and Attorney General's guidance on the provisions of such law that prohibit the personal use of campaign funds and any new regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elections.

5 Last Events

01/03/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101199D
01/03/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
01/10/2025	House	Impact statement from VCSC (HB1686)

HB 1691 - Study; JLARC to study Virginia's campaign finance system; independent agency; report.

Chief Patron: Jones

Status: In Committee

Directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study Virginia's campaign finance system. Report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Study; JLARC to study Virginia's campaign finance system; independent agency; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study Virginias's campaign finance system. In its study, JLARC is directed to (i) identify any legal, technical, and staffing shortcomings in the current campaign finance and ethics systems relating to (a) reporting and investigating violations, (b) enforcing legal and regulatory requirements, and (c) implementing directions from state government at the local level and and (ii) determine whether current budgetary allocations are sufficient to effectively carry out such aspects of the campaign finance and ethics systems. To that end, JLARC is required to analyze how existing campaign finance and ethics systems can be modernized by creating a new independent agency to increase transparency and accountability using best practices from other jurisdictions across the United States. JLARC is required to produce a report of clear recommendations and best practices for creating such an independent agency for improving the current system.

5 Last Events

01/03/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102455D
01/03/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Rules

HB 1761 - Public campaign financing; counties and cities may establish for certain offices.

Chief Patron: Simon

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 9.3 of Title 24.2 an article numbered 3.1, consisting of a section numbered 24.2-948.6, relating to campaign finance; public campaign financing; counties and cities may establish for certain offices.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Public campaign financing; counties and cities may establish for certain offices. Authorizes the governing body of a county or city to establish by ordinance a system of public campaign financing for elected local offices. The bill specifies certain requirements for a system of public campaign financing established by a governing body, including the provision of a public election fund to be administered by the treasurer of the county or city. A system of public campaign financing established by a county or city is permitted to more stringently regulate the campaign finance activity of participating candidates and shall be subject to regulation and oversight by the State Board of Elections to ensure its conformity with state law and policy to the extent practicable.

5 Last Events

01/05/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100387D
01/05/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Chief Patron: Ward

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-1604, 2.2-1605, 2.2-1610, 2.2-4310, 2.2-4310.3, and 23.1-1017 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 16.1 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 4, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-1618 through 2.2-1622, relating to the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program established.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program established. Establishes the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program with a statewide goal of 42 percent of certified small SWaM business, as such term is defined in the bill, utilization in all discretionary spending by executive branch agencies and covered institutions in procurement orders, prime contracts, and subcontracts, as well as a target goal of 50 percent subcontracting to small SWaM businesses in instances where the prime contractor is not a small SWaM business for all new capital outlay construction solicitations that are issued. The bill provides that executive branch agencies and covered institutions are required to increase their small SWaM business utilization rates by three percent per year until reaching the 42-percent target or, if unable to do so, to implement achievable goals to increase their utilization rates. In addition, the bill provides for a small SWaM business set-aside for executive branch agency and covered institution purchases of goods, services, and construction, requiring that purchases up to \$100,000 be set aside for award to certified small SWaM businesses.

The bill creates the Division of Procurement Enhancement within the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity for purposes of collaborating with the Department of General Services, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, the Department of Transportation, and covered institutions to further the Commonwealth's efforts to meet the goals established under the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program, as well as implementing initiatives to enhance the development of small businesses, microbusinesses, women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses in the Commonwealth.

Finally, the bill requires the Director of the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to conduct, or contract with an independent entity to conduct, a disparity study every five years, with the next disparity study due no later than January 1, 2026. The bill specifies that such study shall evaluate the need for enhancement and remedial measures to address the disparity between the availability and the utilization of women-owned and minority-owned businesses. The provisions of the bill other than those requiring such study have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026, and apply to covered institutions beginning July 1, 2026.

5 Last Events

01/06/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100386D
01/06/2025	House	Referred to Committee on General Laws

HB 1992 - Va. Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund; established, report.

Chief Patron: Askew

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 44-146.19:1 and 44-146.19:2, relating to Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund established; work group; report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund established; work group; report. Establishes the Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund for the purpose of awarding grants to political subdivisions to assist with the cost of emergency management and preparedness. The bill states that the Program will be administered by the Department of Emergency Management, which shall establish guidelines for (i) the administration of the Program and (ii) awarding grants to political subdivisions from the Fund. A political subdivision awarded a grant must use such funds for certain purposes to advance the emergency preparedness of such subdivision, and must provide a 50 percent match of local or federal funds for the award. The bill requires the Department, beginning on or before December 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, to submit a report to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Governor, and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Public Safety and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations summarizing the activities of the Program.

The bill directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to establish a work group to study existing emergency management needs and analyze sustainability of current funding, among other things, and to report the work group's findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology on or before October 1, 2025.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102073D
01/07/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Appropriations
01/13/2025	House	Assigned Approps sub: Transportation & Public Safety

HB 2068 - Local land use decision authority.

Chief Patron: Garrett

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2202.1, relating to local land use decision authority.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Local land use decision authority. Provides that the authority for a locality's planning and land use decisions belong solely to the locality and shall not be ceded to any state agency or state-sanctioned body.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101811D
01/07/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 2148 - Proposed plat, site plan, or plan of development or preliminary subdivision plat; time period for action

Chief Patron: Milde

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-2259 and 15.2-2260 of the Code of Virginia, relating to proposed plat, site plan, or plan of development or preliminary subdivision plat; time period for action by local planning commission.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Proposed plat, site plan, or plan of development or preliminary subdivision plat; time period for action by local planning commission. Reduces from 45 days to 30 days the period of time that a local planning commission or other agent has to act on any proposed plat, site plan, or plan of development that it has previously disapproved after the first time such plat or plan has been modified, corrected, and resubmitted for approval, and provides that such planning commission or other agent has within 15 days after the second or any subsequent time such plat or plan has been resubmitted for approval to act on such plat or plan. The bill makes similar changes to the review timelines for state agencies that review such plats. The bill also provides that, in any instance in which an initial review by a locality determines that the resubmitted application contains solely technical changes requiring less than 60 minutes of review, a locality's approved agent shall approved such application within five business days. The bill further provides that if a local planning commission has the responsibility of review of preliminary subdivision plats and conducts a public hearing, it shall act on the proposed preliminary subdivision plat within 35 days, rather than the current 45 days, after receiving approval from all state agencies.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104264D
01/07/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2165 - Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions.

Chief Patron: Cole

Status: Committee Referral Pending

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SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions. Prohibits any person from converting contributions to a candidate or his campaign committee for personal use. Current law only prohibits such conversion of contributions with regard to disbursement of surplus funds at the dissolution of a campaign or political committee. The bill provides that a contribution is considered to have been converted to personal use if the contribution, in whole or in part, is used to fulfill any commitment, obligation, or expense that would exist irrespective of the person's seeking, holding, or maintaining public office but allows a contribution to be used for the ordinary and accepted expenses related to campaigning for or holding elective office, including the use of campaign funds to pay for the candidate's dependent care expenses that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity. The bill provides that any person subject to the personal use ban may request an advisory opinion from the State Board of Elections on such matters. The bill directs the State Board of Elections to adopt emergency regulations similar to those promulgated by the Federal Election Commission to implement the provisions of the bill and to publish an updated summary of Virginia campaign finance law that reflects the State Board of Elections' and Attorney General's guidance on the provisions of such law that prohibit the personal use of campaign funds and any new regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elections.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104173D
01/07/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending
01/10/2025	House	Impact statement from VCSC (HB2165)

HB 2173 - Campaign finance; coordination and required independent expenditure committee disclosure; civil penalties.

Chief Patron: Clark

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 24.2-945.1, 24.2-953.1, 24.2-953.2, 24.2-953.3, and 24.2-955.1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 9.3 of Title 24.2 an article numbered 4.2, consisting of sections numbered 24.2-949.14 through 24.2-949.24, and by adding in Article 8 of Chapter 9.3 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-953.6, relating to campaign finance; coordination and required independent expenditure committee disclosure; civil penalties.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Campaign finance; coordination and required independent expenditure committee disclosure; civil penalties. Provides a more detailed definition of the term "coordinated" or "coordination" in the context of campaign finance than current law. The bill also requires all persons making independent expenditures to file statements of organization and to file campaign finance reports thus making such persons subject to existing civil penalties for violations of filing laws.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104570D
01/07/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2212 - Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Chief Patron: O'Quinn

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 62.1-44.15:24.1, relating to stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed. Requires the State Water Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality to apply in a locality that is located outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed the regulations establishing minimum design criteria for measures that were in effect prior to July 1, 2014 to control (i) nonpoint source pollution and (ii) localized flooding and stream channel erosion.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101853D
01/07/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2239 - Entitlement to sales tax revenues from certain public facilities; sunset.

Chief Patron: Cousins

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-608.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to entitlement to sales tax revenues from certain public facilities; sunset.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Entitlement to sales tax revenues from certain public facilities; sunset. Extends from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2028, the period of time during which authorized localities may issue bonds on or after January 1, 2013, for the construction of public facilities and retain sales and use tax revenue generated within such facilities to pay off such bonds.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102670D
01/07/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2293 - Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent.

Chief Patron: Coyner

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-2201, 15.2-2241, 15.2-2245, 15.2-2254, 15.2-2258, 15.2-2259, 15.2-2260, 15.2-2261, 15.2-2269, 15.2-2270, 15.2-2271, and 15.2-2307 of the Code of Virginia, relating to subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent. Removes planning commission and governing body approval authority for the administrative review process for plats and plans and assigns such authority solely to a designated agent, defined in the bill. The bill also expedites the review process by shortening the timeframe for forwarding plats and plans to state agencies for review.

5 Last Events

01/08/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104575D
01/08/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2330 - Notice of certain land use actions.

Chief Patron: Hodges

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, relating to notice of land use actions.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Notice of certain land use actions. Provides that one notice sent by first-class mail to the last known address of certain property owners impacted by a proposed change in the zoning map classification of 25 or fewer parcels of land shall be deemed adequate notice, provided that a representative of the local planning commission shall make affidavit that such mailings have been made and file such affidavit with the papers in the case. Current law calls for such notice to be given by registered or certified mail. The bill also makes technical amendments.

5 Last Events

01/08/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102745D
01/08/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2499 - Comprehensive plan; subdivision ordinance; local approvals.

Chief Patron: Owen

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-2232, 15.2-2259, and 15.2-2260 of the Code of Virginia, relating to comprehensive plan; subdivision ordinance; local approvals.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Comprehensive plan; subdivision ordinance; local approvals. Provides that a locality's comprehensive plan shall not constitute the basis, in whole or in part, whether directly or through incorporation into any zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, or other ordinance or manual, for the disapproval of a site plan, subdivision plat, or other administrative approval that is otherwise in conformity with duly adopted standards, ordinances, and statutes. The bill also shortens the timeframes for various local government approvals of subdivision plats and site plans. Additionally, the bill calls on the Virginia Code Commission to convene a work group consisting of various stakeholders to review existing provisions related to the submission, review, and approval of subdivision plats and site plans. The work group shall develop recommendations to (i) organize procedural steps in a clear, logical, and sequential order to enhance ease of reference; (ii) clarify the processes, requirements, and timelines applicable to each type of plat or plan; (iii) standardize terminology to ensure consistency, reduce ambiguity, and minimize misinterpretation; and (iv) identify and eliminate redundant or duplicative provisions to streamline the Code and improve its usability and shall submit a report by November 1, 2025.

5 Last Events

01/08/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104251D
01/08/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2509 - Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Board established

Chief Patron: Lopez

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 17 of Title 45.2 an article numbered 10, consisting of sections numbered 45.2-1735 through 45.2-1744, relating to Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Board established; report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Board established; report. Establishes the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Board to finance clean energy projects, greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects, and other qualified projects through the strategic deployment of public funds in the form of grants, loans, credit enhancements, and other financing mechanisms. The Board consists of nine nonlegislative citizen members and three ex officio members with voting privileges, who include the Director of the Department of Energy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, and the Secretary of Finance, or their designees. The bill provides that the nonlegislative citizen members are to be appointed as follows: four members by the Senate Committee on Rules, four members by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and one member by the Governor, each of whom are required to have expertise in real estate, finance, or project development or legal expertise in zero-emission or low-emission energy generation, infrastructure, transportation, agriculture, storm water management, or housing. The bill contains provisions for (i) the powers and duties of the Board, (ii) lending practices, (iii) a strategic plan, (iv) an investment strategy, (v) public outreach requirements, (vi) audits, (vii) exemptions from taxes and from personnel and procurement procedures, and (viii) reporting requirements. The bill provides that the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank established pursuant to subsection L of Item 471 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I, is dissolved and the Board is its successor.

5 Last Events

01/08/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102641D
01/08/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2571 - State of emergency; spending authority during budgetary lapse.

Chief Patron: Leftwich

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 44-146.16 and 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state of emergency; spending authority during budgetary lapse.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

State of emergency; spending authority during budgetary lapse. Authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency in the event of a budgetary lapse, defined as a state of affairs in which the general appropriation act has expired and no lawful appropriation authority is in effect. Upon such a declaration of a state of emergency, the Governor shall have authority to continue disbursement of funds for essential public services, defined in the bill, at levels equivalent to those that were in effect prior to expiration of the general appropriation act. Such spending authority shall begin upon declaration of a state of emergency during a budgetary lapse and shall continue until enactment of a general appropriation act. The Governor, upon declaring a state of emergency, shall have 30 days to provide a report to the General Assembly that details his plan to continue the functioning of essential public services during the budgetary lapse and to submit a budget bill to the General Assembly that, if enacted, would end the emergency. The bill contains an enactment clause providing that, unless reenacted, it shall expire two years and six months after the end of the session of the General Assembly in which it is enacted.

5 Last Events

01/12/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102732D
01/12/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HJ 437 - Study; reestablishes the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding; report.

Chief Patron: Convirs-Fowler

Status: Committee Referral Pending

Establishing the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding. Report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Study; reestablishes the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding; report. Reestablishes the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding, which sunset in 2023, to continue its work through the 2026 interim.

5 Last Events

01/03/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101197D
01/03/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HJ 444 - Study; JLARC; Virginia's campaign finance laws; independent agency; report.

Chief Patron: Jones

Status: Committee Referral Pending

Directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study Virginia's campaign finance laws. Report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Study; JLARC; Virginia's campaign finance laws; independent agency; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study Virginia's campaign finance laws. In its study, JLARC is directed to (i) identify any legal, technical, and staffing shortcomings in the current election and campaign finance laws relating to (a) reporting and investigating violations, (b) enforcing legal and regulatory requirements, and (c) implementing directions from state government at the local level and (ii) determine whether current budgetary allocations are sufficient to effectively carry out such aspects of the campaign finance system. To that end, JLARC is directed to analyze how existing campaign finance and election laws can be modernized by creating a new independent agency to increase transparency and accountability using best practices from other jurisdictions across the United States and to produce a report of clear recommendations and best practices for creating such an independent agency for improving the current system.

5 Last Events

01/06/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104602D
01/06/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HJ 451 - Study; Department of Housing and Community Development; tax implications of allowing localities to implement a land value tax; report.

Chief Patron: Shin

Status: Committee Referral Pending

Requesting the Department of Housing and Community Development to study the potential tax implications of allowing local governing bodies to implement a land value tax. Report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Study; Department of Housing and Community Development; tax implications of allowing localities to implement a land value tax; report. Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to study the potential tax implications that may result from each of the governing bodies of the Cities of Fairfax, Poquoson, Richmond, and Roanoke levying a land value tax and the potential tax implications that may result from allowing all local governing bodies to implement a land value tax.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100816D
01/07/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

SB 647 - Virginia Public Procurement Act; apprenticeship programs, competitive sealed bidding.

Chief Patron: Carroll Foy

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-4302.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive sealed bidding; required criteria in invitations to bid.

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SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive sealed bidding; required criteria in invitations to bid.

Requires all public bodies to include in any Invitation to Bid criteria that will be used in determining whether a bidder who is not prequalified by the Virginia Department of Transportation is a responsible bidder. Current law authorizes, but does not require, localities to include such criteria in Invitations to Bid.

5 Last Events

02/07/2024	Senate	Committee substitute printed 24106986D-S1
02/07/2024	Senate	Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations
02/08/2024	Senate	Impact statement from DPB (SB647S1)
02/12/2024	Senate	Continued to 2025 in Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
11/19/2024	Senate	Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 876 - Virginia Freedom of Information Act; notice of public meetings, proposed agenda required.

Chief Patron: Ebbin

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-3707 and 22.1-346.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Freedom of Information Act; notice of public meetings; proposed agenda required.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; notice of public meetings; proposed agenda required. Requires public bodies subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to include a proposed agenda listing all items expected to be considered by the public body at its meeting. The bill allows for amendments to be made to any such proposed agenda but provides that the public body shall not take any final action on those amended or additional agenda items.

5 Last Events

01/03/2025	Senate	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101521D
01/03/2025	Senate	Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
01/14/2025	Senate	Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB876)

SB 1002 - Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions.

Chief Patron: Boysko

Status: In Committee

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SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions. Prohibits any person from converting contributions to a candidate or his campaign committee for personal use. Current law only prohibits such conversion of contributions with regard to disbursement of surplus funds at the dissolution of a campaign or political committee. The bill provides that a contribution is considered to have been converted to personal use if the contribution, in whole or in part, is used to fulfill any commitment, obligation, or expense that would exist irrespective of the person's seeking, holding, or maintaining public office but allows a contribution to be used for the ordinary and accepted expenses related to campaigning for or holding elective office, including the use of campaign funds to pay for the candidate's dependent care expenses that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity. The bill provides that any person subject to the personal use ban may request an advisory opinion from the State Board of Elections on such matters. The bill directs the State Board of Elections to adopt emergency regulations similar to those promulgated by the Federal Election Commission to implement the provisions of the bill and to publish an updated summary of Virginia campaign finance law that reflects the State Board of Elections' and Attorney General's guidance on the provisions of such law that prohibit the personal use of campaign funds and any new regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elections.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	Senate	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104176D
01/07/2025	Senate	Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
01/10/2025	Senate	Impact statement from VCSC (SB1002)

SB 1009 - Elections; conduct of election; ranked choice voting; locally elected offices; report.

Chief Patron: Salim

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-673.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elections; conduct of election; ranked choice voting; locally elected offices; report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Elections; conduct of election; ranked choice voting; locally elected offices; report. Allows elections for any local office to be conducted by ranked choice voting. The bill requires the State Board of Elections to provide standards for and to approve vote tabulating software for use with existing voting systems in elections conducted by ranked choice voting and to produce generalized voter education materials on ranked choice voting. The bill permits the State Board to create and modify recount procedures to the extent necessary to accommodate a recount of an election conducted by ranked choice voting. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Elections to review the testing and approval framework for voting equipment in the Commonwealth and submit a report of such review no later than the first day of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	Senate	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104511D
01/07/2025	Senate	Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

SJ 255 - Study; JLARC; Virginia's campaign finance laws; independent agency; report.

Chief Patron: Rouse

Status: In Committee

Directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study Virginia's campaign finance laws. Report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Study; JLARC; Virginia's campaign finance laws; independent agency; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study Virginia's campaign finance laws. In its study, JLARC is directed to (i) identify any legal, technical, and staffing shortcomings in the current election and campaign finance laws relating to (a) reporting and investigating violations, (b) enforcing legal and regulatory requirements, and (c) implementing directions from state government at the local level and (ii) determine whether current budgetary allocations are sufficient to effectively carry out such aspects of the campaign finance system. To that end, JLARC is directed to analyze how existing campaign finance and election laws can be modernized by creating a new independent agency to increase transparency and accountability using best practices from other jurisdictions across the United States and to produce a report of clear recommendations and best practices for creating such an independent agency for improving the current system.

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