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## Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Dear Patriot,

Below you will see sections of legislation that we support or oppose, with pertinent information related to each. Each weekday of the session our legislative update from Virginia Institute Action will follow a similar format. Thank you for actively participating in government as "We the People!"

## ELECTIONS

### OPPOSE

#### HOUSE FLOOR

**Status: TODAY, Wednesday, 2/21, the following bills are on the House third reading calendar** and are expected to receive a floor vote.

We **OPPOSE** SB 606 (companion [HB 1177](#)) - This bill would require Virginia to re-join the **Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)**. Although ERIC claims to be a service to help states keep accurate voter rolls, Virginia left ERIC last year after serious concerns over data privacy breaches and partisanship influence within the organization.

- To see bill text and info: [Click HERE](#)

We **OPPOSE** SB 196 - This bill would **alter the procedure for challenging a voter registration**. Currently, local registrars handle these cases, but this bill proposes court system oversight which would prevent any Election Day challenges. Registrars, who maintain up-to-date, accurate voter registration lists for their areas, should retain control over this process.

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Please **CALL and EMAIL** your Delegate and ask them to **Vote NO on SB 606 and SB 196**. Thank you!

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**TOMORROW, Thursday, 2/22, the following bill is on the agenda of the House Transportation Committee.**

This committee meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am in House Committee Room B-205, General Assembly Building.

We **OPPOSE** SB 246 - This bill eliminates identifying features used to distinguish between citizen and non-citizen state-issued driver's permits and ID cards, which could facilitate non-citizens voting.

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To view a full list of all the bills that will be voted on in this committee meeting [CLICK HERE](#) to see the agenda.

Please **CALL and EMAIL** these Delegates and ask them to **Vote NO on SB 246**. Thank you!

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## UPDATE

#### ELECTIONS

We **OPPOSED** HB 26 - **This bill expands the list of accepted forms of identification to be presented when voting. Currently, although there is a list of accepted IDs, no ID is required to vote.** Any registered voter who arrives at a polling location without an accepted form of identification, or with no ID at all, can sign a statement confirming that they are the registered voter that they say that they are, and then they are permitted to vote. This statement makes the list of acceptable IDs seem like a formality; additionally, some people are concerned that the types of IDs that this bill approves are available to noncitizens. - **PASSED**

- Status: Yesterday, Tuesday, 2/20, this bill passed in the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee.** Next, it will be sent to the Senate floor for a vote.
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We **OPPOSED** HB 441 - This bill **expands the practice of curbside voting** to not only individuals with a physical impairment but also those who have a mental impairment; this could significantly increase the use of curbside voting. When used at all, we believe the best practice is for curbside voting to be available only for individuals who need physical accommodations. - **PASSED**

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We **OPPOSED** HB 939 - If passed, this bill would **prohibit a person from carrying a firearm within 100 feet of a voting location**, including a ballot drop box. In addition to the problem of restricting the right to bear arms, this bill could create a situation where someone accidentally violates the law simply by walking on the sidewalk near a drop box. The original text of this bill would have also prohibited a firearm in a vehicle that was within 100 feet of a voting location, but the bill was amended to eliminate that problem. - **VOTE DELAYED**

- Status: Yesterday, Tuesday, 2/20, this bill was on the agenda of the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee, but a vote on the bill was delayed through a motion to pass the bill by for the week.**
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We **OPPOSED** HB 1177 (companion [SB 606](#)) - This bill would require Virginia to re-join the **Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)**. Although ERIC claims to be a service to help states keep accurate voter rolls, Virginia left ERIC last year after serious concerns over data privacy breaches and partisanship influence within the organization. - **PASSED**

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We **OPPOSED** HB 1408 - This bill takes a top-down approach to determining the appropriate number of early voting locations in each Virginia city and county, by directing **the Department of Elections to create guidelines for localities to utilize regarding how many early voting locations** should be open for early voting. These decisions are best made at the local level, where they are currently made, by the local election administrators who know their locality best. - **PASSED**

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We **OPPOSED** HB 1534 (similar to [SB 196](#)) - This bill would **alter the procedure for challenging a voter registration**. Currently, local registrars handle these cases, but this bill proposes court system oversight which would prevent any Election Day challenges. Registrars, who maintain up-to-date, accurate voter registration lists for their areas, should retain control over this process. - **PASSED**

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#### LICENSING

We **SUPPORTED** SB 22 - This bill would enter Virginia into an interstate licensing compact for dentists and dental hygienists. Any dentist or dental hygienist licensed in any state participating in the compact would be able to practice in any compact state, increasing access to dental services. - **PASSED**

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We **SUPPORTED** SB 239 - This bill would enter Virginia into an interstate licensing compact for fully licensed social workers. Social workers licensed in any state participating in the compact would be able to practice in any compact state, filling a need for more social workers. - **PASSED**

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