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Wednesday, 28 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

SENATE FLOOR

Status: TODAY, Wednesday, 2/28, the following bill is on the Senate third reading calendar and is expected to receive a floor vote. Yesterday, this bill passed the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee.

We **OPPOSE** 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.

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

Please **CALL and EMAIL** your Senator and ask them to **Vote NO on HB 1177**. Thank you!

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TODAY, Wednesday, 2/28, the following bill is on the agenda of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. This committee meets on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9AM in Senate Committee Room A, #305, third floor, General Assembly Building.

We **OPPOSE** HB 1454 (similar to [SB 246](#)) - This bill **eliminates features used to distinguish between citizen and non-citizen state-issued driver's permits** and ID cards, which could facilitate non-citizens voting.

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

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Please **CALL and MAIL** these Senators and ask them to **Vote NO on HB 1454**. Thank you!

Chair: Senator L. Louise Lucas (D)	(804) 698-7518	senatorlucas@senate.virginia.gov
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TODAY, Wednesday, 2/28, the following bill is on the agenda of the House Appropriations Committee. This committee meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons 30 minutes after adjournment of the House floor in the House Appropriations Committee Room, General Assembly Building.

We **SUPPORT** SB 277 - This bill would expand an expedited application and review process for Certificate of Public Need.

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

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Please **CALL and EMAIL** these Delegates and ask them to **Vote YES on SB 277**. Thank you!

Chair: Delegate Luke E. Torian (D)	(804) 698-1024	DelLTorian@house.virginia.gov
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Delegate David A. Reid (D)	(804) 698-1028	DelDReid@house.virginia.gov
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Delegate Bill Wiley (R)	(804) 698-1032	DelBWiley@house.virginia.gov
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UPDATE

ELECTIONS

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. - **PASSED**

- Status: Yesterday, Tuesday, 2/27, this bill was passed in the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee.** It will now be sent to the Senate floor for a vote.
- To see bill text and info: [Click HERE](#)

We **SUPPORTED** HB 1171 - This bill **requires more timely processing of returned mail absentee ballots** than the law currently requires. This protects voters, ensuring they have enough time to correct any written errors on their ballot before it is time for ballots to be counted. - **PASSED**

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We **OPPOSED** HB 1490 - This bill would give power to local governing bodies (like the Board of Supervisors or City Council) to **circumvent the local Electoral Boards and dictate the number, location, and hours of operation of early voting locations**. - **KILLED**

- Status: Yesterday, Tuesday, 2/27, this bill died through the motion to continue the bill to 2025 in the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee.**
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We **OPPOSED** SB 246 (similar to [HB 1454](#)) - This bill **eliminates features used to distinguish between citizen and non-citizen state-issued driver's permits** and ID cards, which could facilitate non-citizens voting. - **PASSED**

- Status: Yesterday, Tuesday, 2/27, this bill passed on the House floor.** This bill previously passed in the Senate and will now be sent to the Governor for his signature or veto.
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