



Importance of Elections

Tips and Info for approaching this upcoming election!

**What you need to
know for the
2023 Election!**

**EVERY Seat in Virginia's state
legislature is up for election!**

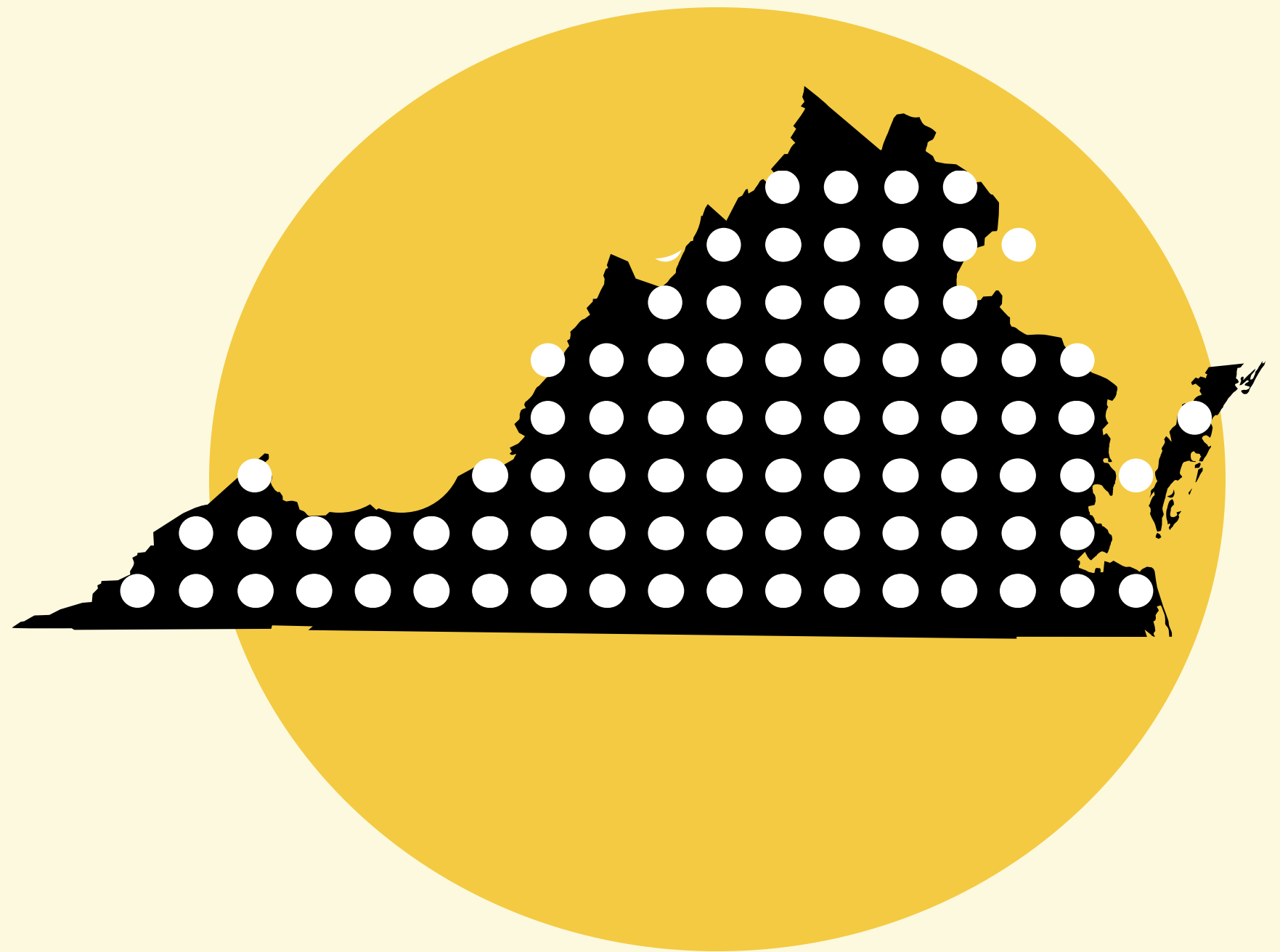


What does this mean?

The House of Delegates is up for a vote every two years, and the State Senate is on the ballot every four years. **The 2023 election will impact both chambers**, and will affect what policies can be passed. Individual candidates' positions are important to understand when deciding who to vote for.

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**This is the first state election
since redistricting!**



What does this mean?

This is the ***first state election in new districts***. Many voters will see new faces on the ballot, and long-time legislators decided to retire now rather than face a primary challenge. With the retirements and primaries, Virginia's legislature will face a ***historically high turnover rate of 30%***. This means that a lot of the responsibility will be placed on you, the voters!

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**The state legislators pass
more laws than congress!**



What does this mean?

Just *this past year*, Virginia Legislature passed over 800+ laws, where as Congress only passed 308 laws. Many of these decisions made on the state level impact your daily lives. Such as laws that affect *speed limit, affordable housing, criminal justice reform, worker protections, and more.*



GET TO KNOW YOUR CANIDATES:



One resource: Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP.org)

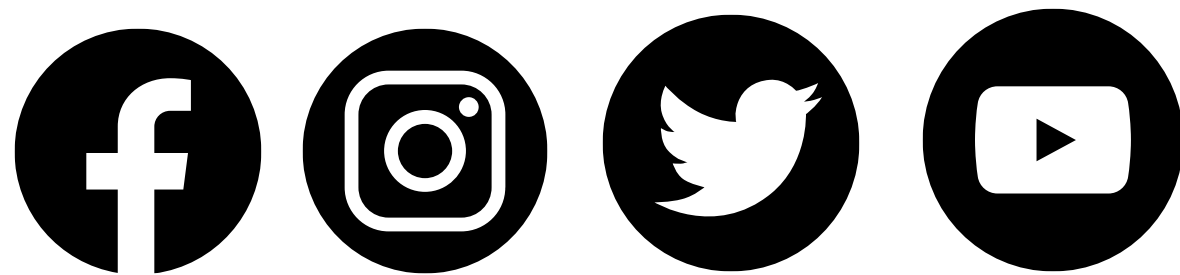
Other strategies

Enter your address:

- View "***My Representatives***" to see current legislators.
 - Explore candidates by selecting "***Who's on My Ballot***".
 - Provides information about district demographics, campaign finance, and more.
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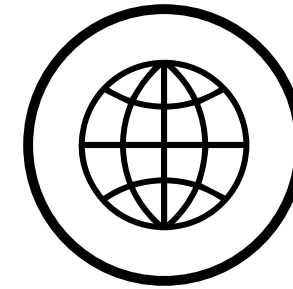


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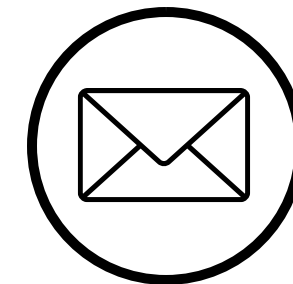
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**Dont forget that VICPP offers resources to
get your congregation to 100% voting for
the 2023 Election!**

Sign up below:

www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org/get-involved/civic-engagement/



What does this commitment look like?

- Develop a plan to make sure eligible member is registered to vote (either manually or in partnership with VICPP).
- Distribute information about ways to vote through congregational sources.
- Promote the sacred privilege of voting.
- Learn about your local candidates.
- Participate in community-wide efforts to register voters and get people to the polls.
- Engage those who are not eligible to vote to participate in civic life.

VICPP nonpartisan candidate forums

(in association with other nonprofits)

- Sept 12 – Richmond area
 - (housing focus)
- Sept 13 – Fredricksburg area
- Sept 21 – Williamsburg area
- Sept 21 – Prince William area
- Sept 27 – Fredricksburg area
- Sept 28 – Suffolk area
- Oct 1 – Henrico area
- Oct 16 – Norfolk area
- Oct 17 – Virginia Beach area
 - (tentative)



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Canvassing Efforts

October 28



November 4



Google



How to Register





vote.elections.virginia.gov

Virginia Department of Elections

- Register to vote
- Update your address
- Find your polling place

Same Day Registration

**Election Day is
November 7!**



Virginia's new same-day registration law allows you to register and cast a provisional ballot at the same time! Vote early or on election day!

Sending postcards to infrequent voters



The package includes:

- A prayer for those doing the Postcarding
- Virginia Postcarding 2023 Instructions
- VA General Election GOTV script
- VA General Election GOTV labels (info on local register office)
- List of voter names and addresses
- **Postcards**

Protect the Vote with VICPP and VCET

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is partnering with the Virginia Election Protection Coalition to assist voters in 2023! Virginia Election Protection Volunteers are the first line of defense against voter suppression during early voting and on election day.

Sign up at:

www.protectthevoteva.org/vicpp



Important Dates:



Primary Election - June 20th



Early In-Person Voting Begins - Sept 22nd



Voting Registration Deadline - October 16th

*Virginia allows same-day voter registration for casting
provisional ballots through election day!*



General Election - November 7th

Regional Civic Engagement Trainings

How?

to find
out candidates'
opinions on
issues?

What?

can you
do to increase
turnout?

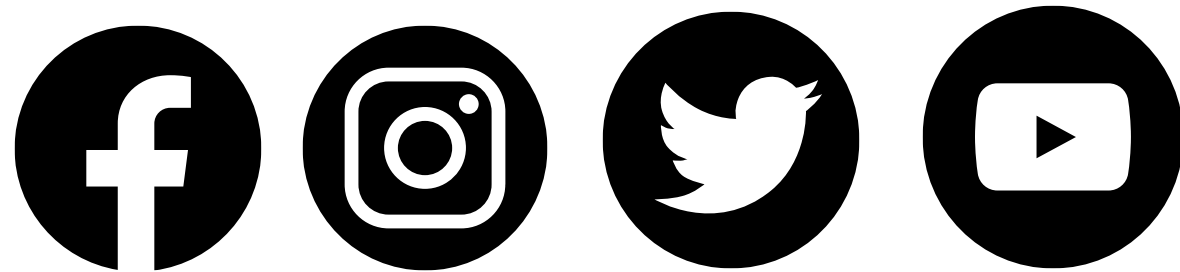
Why?

are this
year's elections
so important?

- Greater Richmond area: August 17 (past)
- All Virginia VIRTUAL: August 27 (past)
- Virginia Beach area: August 28
- Hampton area: September 20
- Hampton Roads area (Spanish): TBD
- Prince William area: October 2

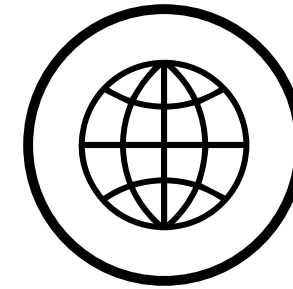


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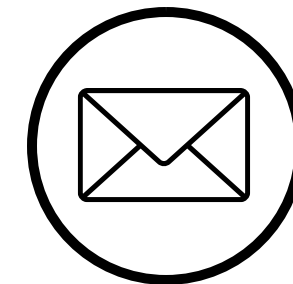
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