

FACT SHEET



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Proposed Constitutional Amendments - 2026

While Virginia has elections every year for various offices, this year voters will also decide on three constitutional amendments that would change various rights for people in our commonwealth. Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy does not take a position on these amendments, but we want to ensure that citizens around the Commonwealth are educated about the issues on the ballot.

BALLOT QUESTION 1

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

SUMMARY: *Would establish the fundamental right to make and carry out decisions about a person's own reproductive care to the Virginia Constitution.*

BALLOT QUESTION 2

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

SUMMARY: *Would establish the fundamental right to marry and require the state to recognize and treat equally any marriage between two adult persons, regardless of sex, gender, or race.*

BALLOT QUESTION 3

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

SUMMARY: *Would establish the fundamental right of all qualified persons in the Commonwealth to vote, which includes restoring voting rights upon release from incarceration, and updating the standard for restricting voting based on legal incapacity.*