

Virginia 2019 Election Results Overview

The highly-anticipated Virginia General Election took place on November 5, 2019, with polls closing at 7:00 pm. Prior to the election, Republicans held slight majorities of 20-19 in the Senate and 51-48 in the House of Delegates, with one vacancy in each chamber. All 140 seats in both chambers were on the ballot in this year's election. To gain a working majority, Democrats needed a net pick-up of at least 2 seats in each chamber.

As of this morning, Democrats have taken control of both the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates. Democrats flipped 6 districts in the House and 2 districts in the Senate. In the House, Democrats picked up Districts 28, 40, 76, 83, 91, and 94 and defeated four Republican incumbents: Tim Hugo (HD-40), Chris Jones (HD-76), Christopher Stolle (HD-83), and David Yancey (HD-94). The other two seats won by Democrats were in open races for seats held by Robert Thomas Jr. (HD-28) and Gordon Hesel (HD-91). In the Senate, Democrats picked up Districts 10 and 13. In Senate District 10, Ghazala Hashmi (D) defeated Sen. Glen Sturtevant (R) 54-46, while in District 13, Del. John Bell (D) defeated Geary Higgins (R) 54-46.

These results were partly influenced by the 2018 ruling of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, which struck down 11 House of Delegates districts due to racial gerrymandering. The boundary revisions ordered by the court affected a total of 25 districts, primarily in the eastern part of the state between Richmond and Hampton Roads and in some cases changed the ratio of Democratic and Republican voters.

Two of the districts most severely impacted by the U.S. District Court's ruling were the 66th District, represented by Speaker Kirk Cox (R), and the 76th District, represented by House Appropriations Chairman, Chris Jones (R). According to calculations by the Virginia Division of Legislative Services, the population of Speaker Cox's district was about 62.7% Republican and 37.3% Democratic before the court-ordered redistricting. Now, the district looks notably different with a population that is about 46.8% Republican and 53.2% Democratic. Similarly, the population of Delegate Jones' district was about 56.1% Republican and 43.9% Democratic before the redistricting. Now, the district's population is about 42.4% Republican and 57.6% Democratic.

These changes are especially significant as both Speaker Cox and Delegate Jones are long-time members of the House. Speaker Cox has served since 1990 and Delegate Jones has served since 1998. Though Speaker Cox defeated Sheila Bynum-Coleman in House District 66, the Democratic victory in the House means that the new Speaker will be a member of the Democratic Party. Meanwhile, Delegate Chris Jones was defeated by Clinton Jenkins in the 76th District. This is especially important as Delegate Jones served as the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee since 2014, a powerful role in the legislature, especially as it relates to determining the state budget. A change in leadership on this particular committee could greatly impact the upcoming budget process. With two of the most senior legislators stripped of their roles in the House of

Delegates, the General Assembly's 2020 legislative session will look and feel very different than it has in a generation.

Another element influencing this election was an increased number of registered voters in Virginia. From 2015 to 2019, 470,000 people have been added to the voter rolls. As a comparison, voter rolls only increased by 80,000 from 2011 to 2015. Much of the recent growth comes from Virginia's suburbs. This rapid rate of growth has contributed to an increase in swing districts with conditions that were ripe for a surge in Democratic turnout.

Included with this memo are three exhibits detailing the November election results. Results of each election in the House of Delegates can be found at Exhibit 1 (p. 4-6) and those of the Senate can be found at Exhibit 2 (p. 7). Exhibit 3 includes six separate charts that outline the changes in leadership by region. These charts provide the names of the current legislators in each region as well as the names of the candidates who were elected in this election cycle. For the purposes of this report, we have identified six main regions: Southwest Virginia, Shenandoah Valley, Northern Virginia, Southside Virginia, Central Virginia/Richmond, and Tidewater/Eastern Shore.

Expected Impacts of the Election on State Policy

With Democrats controlling the three vital centers of state political power—the Office of the Governor, the House of Delegates, and the state Senate — the party will exercise its first consolidated grip on Virginia since 1993. With this type of control, Democrats will be able to pursue their agenda more vigorously than years past, and it will be much more difficult for Republicans to challenge it.

Much of this power derives from the House and Senate Committees through which bills must pass to reach the House or Senate floor. In the House, the majority party elects the House Speaker. The Speaker then assigns membership for each Committee, ensuring that the party in control maintains a majority in each one. In the Senate, nominations for Committee membership are decided by the majority party. The nominations are then elected by a majority vote, ensuring partisan control of each Senate Committee. Committee membership in both chambers will thus have a Democratic majority for the 2020 General Assembly Session.

As Republicans have held control of the House since 1998, each House Committee has had a Republican majority for 21 years. Meanwhile, partisan control of the Senate has fluctuated since 1998, with Republicans generally maintaining the majority. Republicans controlled the Senate for a decade from 1998 until 2007, during which time the GOP enjoyed two years of consolidated control in both chambers and the Office of the Governor. Democrats regained control of the Senate from 2008 to 2011 until Republicans defeated them in the November 2011 elections. Republicans then controlled the Senate from 2012 to 2013. During these two years, the GOP again controlled both chambers and the Office of the Governor. After enduring one more year

of Democratic control of the Senate in 2014, Republicans defeated Democrats in the November 2014 elections and have held control of the Senate since 2015.

Of the 14 standing Committees in the House of Delegates, the two most influential are Appropriations, which assists in the development of the state budget, and Commerce and Labor, which controls business regulations. The House has an informal rule that no member can serve on both Appropriations and Commerce and Labor, so each Committee's membership will consist of a separate group of legislators. In the Senate, there are 11 standing Committees and, similar to those of the House, the two most influential are Finance and Commerce and Labor. The Senate Finance Committee is integral in the development of the state budget. The Commerce and Labor Committee considers all matters concerning banking, commerce, commercial law, corporations, economic development, industry, insurance, labor, manufacturing, partnerships, and public utilities.

Democratic control of the House, the Senate, and the Office of the Governor will have a significant impact on the state's funding priorities and regulatory structure. This will ultimately impact industries such as health care, insurance, banking, transportation, agriculture, energy, utilities, and telecommunications. Democrats will likely prioritize legislation pertaining to gun regulation, increasing the minimum wage, implementing Medicaid expansion, college tuition and access, K-12 education with a focus on teacher salaries, voter rights, ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, and increased spending on transportation infrastructure.

Exhibit 1

Virginia House of Delegates: Election Results				
District	Elected	Defeated	Flipped?	Potential for Recount
1	Terry Kilgore* (R)	Uncontested		
2	Jennifer Carroll Foy* (D)	Heather Mitchell (R)		
3	Will Morefield* (R)	Uncontested		
4	Will Wampler (R)	Starla Kiser (D)		
5	Israel O'Quinn* (R)	Uncontested		
6	Jeffrey Campbell* (R)	Jim Barker (D)		
7	Nick Rush* (R)	Rhonda Seltz (D)		
8	Joe McNamara* (R)	Darlene Lewis (D)		
9	Charles Poindexter* (R)	Uncontested		
10	Wendy Gooditis* (D)	Randy Minchew (R)		
11	Sam Rasoul* (D)	Uncontested		
12	Chris Hurst* (D)	Forrest Hite (R)		
13	Danica Roem* (D)	Kelly McGinn (R)		
14	Danny Marshall* (R)	Eric Stamps (D)		
15	Todd Gilbert* (R)	Beverly Harrison (D)		
16	Les Adams* (R)	Dustin W. Evans (Lib.)		
17	Christopher Head* (R)	Uncontested		
18	Michael Weibert* (R)	Laura Galante (D)		
19	Terry Austin* (R)	Uncontested		
20	John Avoli (R)	Jennifer Lewis (D)		
21	Kelly Convirs-Fowler* (D)	Shannon Kane (R)		
22	Kathy Byron* (R)	Jennifer Woofter (D)		
23	Wendell Walker (R)	David Zilles (D)		
24	Ronnie Campbell* (R)	Christian Worth (D)		
25	Chris Runion (R)	Jennifer Kitchen (D)		
26	Tony Wilt* (R)	Brent Finnegan (D)		
27	Roxann Robinson* (R)	Larry Barnett (D)		
28	Joshua Cole (D)	Paul Milde (R)	X	
29	Christopher Collins* (R)	Irina Khanin (D)		
30	Nick Freitas* (R)	Ann Ridgeway (D)		
31	Elizabeth Guzman* (D)	D.J. Jordan (R)		
32	David Reid* (D)	Uncontested		
33	David LaRock* (R)	Mavis Taintor (D)		
34	Kathleen Murphy* (D)	Gary Pan (R)		
35	Mark Keam* (D)	Uncontested		
36	Kenneth Plum* (D)	Uncontested		
37	David Bulova* (D)	Uncontested		
38	Kaye Kory* (D)	Uncontested		
39	Vivian Watts* (D)	Nick Bell (R)		
40	Dan Helmer (D)	Timothy Hugo* (R)	X	
41	Eileen Filler-Corn* (D)	Rachel Mace (Lib.); John Michael Wolfe (Ind.)		
42	Kathy Tran* (D)	Steve Adragna (R)		
43	Mark Sickles* (D)	Gail Parker (Ind.)		
44	Paul Krizek* (D)	Richard Hayden		
45	Mark Levine* (D)	Uncontested		
46	Charniele Herring* (D)	Uncontested		
47	Patrick Hope* (D)	Uncontested		

48	R. C. Sullivan* (D)	Uncontested		
49	Alfonso Lopez* (D)	Terry Modglin (Ind.)		
50	Lee Carter* (D)	Ian Lovejoy (R)		
51	Hala Ayala* (D)	Rich Anderson (R)		
52	Luke Torian* (D)	Maria Eugenia Martin (R)		
53	Marcus Simon* (D)	Uncontested		
54	Robert Orrock* (R)	Neri Canahui-Ortiz (D)		
55	Buddy Fowler* (R)	Morgan Goodman (D)		
56	John McGuire* (R)	Juanita Jo Matkins (D)		
57	Sally Hudson (D)	Uncontested		
58	Robert B. Bell* (R)	Elizabeth Alcorn (D)		
59	Matthew Fariss* (R)	Tim Hickey (D)		
60	James Edmunds* (R)	Janie Zimmerman (D)		
61	Thomas Wright* (R)	Trudy Berry (D)		
62	Carrie Coyner (R)	Lindsey Dougherty (D)		
63	Lashrecse Aird* (D)	Larry Haake (Ind.)		
64	Emily Brewer* (R)	Michele Joyce (D)		
65	Lee Ware* (R)	Mike Asip (D)		
66	Kirk Cox* (R)	Sheila Bynum-Coleman (D)		
67	Karrie Delaney* (D)	Uncontested		
68	Dawn Adams* (D)	Garrison Coward (R)		
69	Betsy Carr* (D)	Uncontested		
70	Delores McQuinn* (D)	Uncontested		
71	Jeff Bourne* (D)	Pete Wells (Lib.)		
72	Schuyler VanValkenburg* (D)	GayDonna Vandergriff (R)		
73	Rodney Willett (D)	Mary Margaret Kastelberg (R)		
74	Lamont Bagby* (D)	Uncontested		
75	Roslyn Tyler* (D)	Otto Wachsmann (R)		X
76	Clint Jenkins (D)	Chris Jones* (R)	X	
77	Cliff Hayes* (D)	Uncontested		
78	Jay Leftwich* (R)	Uncontested		
79	Steve Heretick* (D)	Uncontested		
80	Don Scott (D)	Jim Evans (R)		
81	Barry Knight* (R)	Len Myers (D)		
82	Jason Miyares* (R)	Gayle Johnson (D)		
83	Nancy Guy (D)	Chris Stolle* (R)	X	X
84	Glenn Davis* (R)	Karen Mallard (D)		
85	Alex Askew (D)	Rocky Holcomb (R)		
86	Ibraheem Samirah* (D)	Uncontested		
87	Suhas Subramanyam (D)	Bill Drennan (R)		
88	Mark Cole* (R)	Jess Foster (D)		
89	Jay Jones* (D)	Uncontested		
90	Joseph Lindsey* (D)	Uncontested		
91	Martha Mugler (D)	Colleen Holcomb (R)	X	
92	Jeion Ward* (D)	Uncontested		
93	Michael Mullin* (D)	Heather Cordasco (R)		
94	Shelly Simonds (D)	David Yancey* (R)	X	
95	Marcia Price* (D)	Uncontested		
96	Amanda Batten (R)	Mark Downey (D)		
97	Scott Wyatt (R)	Kevin Washington (D)		
98	Keith Hodges* (R)	Ella Webster (D)		
99	Margaret Ransone* (R)	Francis Edwards (D)		
100	Robert Bloxom* (R)	Phil Hernandez (D)		

*Indicates incumbent

Exhibit 2

Virginia State Senate: Election Results				
District	Elected	Defeated	Flipped?	Potential for Recount
1	Monty Mason* (D)	Uncontested		
2	Mamie Locke* (D)	Uncontested		
3	Tommy Norment* (R)	Herb Jones (D)		
4	Ryan McDougale* (R)	Stan Scott (D)		
5	Lionell Spruill, Sr* (D)	Jeff Staples (Ind.)		
6	Lynwood Lewis* (D)	Elizabeth Lankford (R)		
7	Jen Kiggans (R)	Cheryl Turpin (D)		X
8	Bill DeSteph* (R)	Missy Cotter Smasal (D)		
9	Jennifer McClellan* (D)	Mark Lewis (Lib.)		
10	Ghazala Hashmi (D)	Glen Sturtevant* (R)	X	
11	Amanda Chase* (R)	Amanda Pohl (D)		
12	Siobhan Dunnavant* (R)	Debra Rodman (D)		
13	John Bell (D)	Geary Higgins (R)	X	
14	John Cosgrove* (R)	Rebecca E. Raveson (D)		
15	Frank Ruff* (R)	Virginia Smith		
16	Joe Morrissey (D)	Waylin Ross (Ind.)		
17	Bryce Reeves* (R)	Amy Laufer (D)		
18	Louise Lucas* (D)	Uncontested		
19	Dave Suetterlein* (R)	Flo Ketner (D)		
20	Bill Stanley* (R)	Sherman Witcher (Ind.)		
21	John Edwards* (D)	Steve Nelson (Ind.)		
22	Mark Peake* (R)	Dakota Claytor (D)		
23	Steve Newman* (R)	Uncontested		
24	Emmett Hanger* (R)	Annette Hyde (D)		
25	Creigh Deeds* (D)	Elliott Harding (Ind.)		
26	Mark Obenshain* (R)	April Moore (D)		
27	Jill Vogel* (R)	Ronnie Ross (D)		
28	Richard Stuart* (R)	Qasim Rashid (D)		
29	Jeremy McPike* (D)	Uncontested		
30	Adam Ebbin* (D)	Uncontested		
31	Barbara Favola* (D)	Uncontested		
32	Janet Howell* (D)	Arthur Purves (R)		
33	Jennifer Boysko* (D)	Suzanne Fox (R)		
34	Chap Petersen* (D)	Uncontested		
35	Dick Saslaw* (D)	Uncontested		
36	Scott Surovell* (D)	Uncontested		
37	Dave Marsden* (D)	Uncontested		
38	Ben Chafin* (R)	George McCall (Ind.)		
39	George Barker* (D)	Dutch Hillenburg (R)		
40	Todd Pillion (R)	Ken Heath (Ind.)		

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Exhibit 3

Southwest Virginia				
District	Currently Serving	Newly-Elected	Flipped?	Potential for Recount
HD 1	Terry Kilgore^ (R)	No change		
HD 3	Will Morefield^ (R)	No change		
HD 4	Todd Pillion (R)	Will Wampler (R)		
HD 5	Israel O'Quinn^ (R)	No change		
HD 6	Jeff Campbell (R)	No change		
HD 7	Nick Rush (R)	No change		
HD 12	Chris Hurst (D)	No change		
SD 19	Dave Suetterlein (R)	No change		
SD 21	John Edwards (D)	No change		
SD 38	Ben Chafin (R)	No change		
SD 40	Bill Carrico (R)	Todd Pillion (R)		

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Shenandoah Valley				
District	Currently Serving	Newly-Elected	Flipped?	Potential for Recount
HD 8	Joe McNamara (R)	No change		
HD 11	Sam Rasoul^ (D)	No change		
HD 15	Todd Gilbert (R)	No change		
HD 17	Chris Head^ (R)	No change		
HD 19	Terry Austin^ (R)	No change		
HD 20	Richard Bell (R)	No change		
HD 24	Ronnie Campbell (R)	No change		
HD 26	Tony Wilt (R)	No change		
HD 29	Chris Collins (R)	No change		
SD 23	Steve Newman^ (R)	No change		
SD 24	Emmett Hanger (R)	No change		
SD 25	Creigh Deeds (D)	No change		
SD 26	Mark Obenshain (R)	No change		
SD 27	Jill Vogel (R)	No change		

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Southside Virginia				
District	Currently Serving	Newly-Elected	Flipped?	Potential for Recount
HD 9	Charles Poindexter^ (R)	No change		
HD 14	Danny Marshall III (R)	No change		
HD 16	Les Adams (R)	No change		
HD 18	Michael Weibert (R)	No change		
HD 22	Kathy Byron (R)	No change		
HD 60	James Edmunds (R)	No change		
HD 61	Tommy Wright (R)	No change		
HD 75	Roslyn Tyler (D)	No change		X
SD 15	Frank Ruff (R)	No change		
SD 18	Louise Lucas^ (D)	No change		
SD 20	Bill Stanley (R)	No change		

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Northern Virginia				
District	Currently Serving	Newly-Elected	Flipped?	Potential for Recount
HD 2	Jennifer Carroll Foy (D)	No change		
HD 10	Wendy Gooditis (D)	No change		
HD 13	Danica Roem (D)	No change		
HD 18	Michael Weibert (R)	No change		
HD 28	Robert Thomas (R)	Joshua Cole (D)	X	
HD 31	Elizabeth Guzman (D)	No change		
HD 32	David Reid^ (D)	No change		
HD 33	David LaRock (R)	No change		
HD 34	Kathleen Murphy (D)	No change		
HD 35	Mark Keam^ (D)	No change		
HD 36	Kenneth Plum^ (D)	No change		
HD 37	David Bulova^ (D)	No change		
HD 38	Kaye Kory^ (D)	No change		
HD 39	Vivian Watts (D)	Nick Bell (R)		
HD 40	Timothy Hugo (R)	Dan Helmer (D)	X	
HD 41	Eileen Filler-Corn (D)	No change		
HD 42	Kathy Tran (D)	No change		
HD 43	Mark Sickles^ (D)	No change		
HD 44	Paul Krizek (D)	No change		
HD 45	Mark Levine^ (D)	No change		
HD 46	Charniele Herring^ (D)	No change		
HD 47	Patrick Hope^ (D)	No change		
HD 48	Rip.C. Sullivan^ (D)	No change		
HD 49	Alfonso Lopez (D)	No change		
HD 50	Lee Carter (D)	No change		
HD 51	Hala Ayala (D)	No change		
HD 52	Luke Torian (D)	No change		
HD 53	Marcus Simon^ (D)	No change		
HD 67	Karrie Delaney^ (D)	No change		
HD 86	Ibraheem Samirah^ (D)	No change		
HD 87	John Bell (D)	Suhas Subramanyam (D)		
SD 13	Richard H. Black (D)	John Bell (D)		
SD 29	Jeremy McPike^ (D)	No change		
SD 30	Adam Ebbin^ (D)	No change		
SD 31	Barbara Favola^ (D)	No change		
SD 32	Janet Howell (D)	No change		
SD 33	Jennifer Boysko (D)	No change		
SD 34	Chap Petersen^ (D)	No change		
SD 35	Dick Saslaw^ (D)	No change		
SD 36	Scott Surovell^ (D)	No change		
SD 37	Dave Marsden^ (D)	No change		
SD 39	George Barker (D)	No change		

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Central Virginia/Richmond				
District	Currently Serving	Newly-Elected	Flipped?	Potential for Recount
HD 23	Scott Garrett (R)	Wendell Walker (R)		

HD 25	Steven Landes (R)	Christopher A. Runion (R)		
HD 27	Roxann Robinson (R)	No change		
HD 30	Nick Freitas (R)	No change		
HD 54	Bobby Orrock Sr. (R)	No change		
HD 55	Buddy Fowler, Jr. (R)	No change		
HD 56	John McGuire (R)	No change		
HD 57	David Toscano (D)	Sally Hudson (D)		
HD 58	Rob B. Bell (R)	No change		
HD 59	Matt Fariss (R)	No change		
HD 62	Riley Ingram (R)	Carrie Coyner (R)		
HD 63	Lashrecse Aird (D)	No change		
HD 65	Lee Ware (R)	No change		
HD 66	Kirk Cox (R)	No change		
HD 68	Dawn Adams (D)	No change		
HD 69	Betsy Carr^ (D)	No change		
HD 70	Delores McQuinn^ (D)	No change		
HD 71	Jeff Bourne (D)	No change		
HD 72	Schuyler VanValkenburg (D)	No change		
HD 73	Debra Rodman (D)	Rodney Willett (D)		
HD 74	Lamont Bagby^ (D)	No change		
HD 88	Mark Cole (R)	No change		
HD 97	Christopher Peace (R)	Scott Wyatt (R)		
SD 9	Jennifer McClellan (D)	No change		
SD 10	Glen Sturtevant (R)	Ghazala Hashmi (D)	X	
SD 11	Amanda Chase (R)	No change		
SD 12	Siobhan Dunnavant (R)	No change		
SD 16	Rosalyn R. Dance (D)	Joe Morrissey (D)		
SD 17	Bryce Reeves (R)	No change		
SD 22	Mark Peake (R)	No change		
SD 28	Richard H. Stuart (R)	No change		

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Tidewater/Eastern Shore				
District	Currently Serving	Newly-Elected	Flipped?	Potential for Recount
HD 21	Kelly Convors-Fowler (D)	No change		
HD 64	Emily Brewer (R)	No change		
HD 76	Chris Jones (R)	Clinton Jenkins (D)	X	
HD 77	Cliff Hayes^ (D)	No change		
HD 78	Jay Leftwich^ (R)	No change		
HD 79	Steve Heretick^ (D)	No change		
HD 80	Matthew James (D)	Don Scott (D)		
HD 81	Barry Knight (R)	No change		
HD 82	Jason Miyares (R)	No change		
HD 83	Chris Stolle (R)	Nancy Guy (D)	X	X
HD 84	Glenn Davis (R)	No change		
HD 85	Cheryl Turpin (D)	Alex Askew (D)		
HD 89	Jay Jones^ (D)	No change		
HD 90	Joe Lindsey^ (D)	No change		
HD 91	Gordon Helsel (R)	Martha Mugler (D)	X	
HD 92	Jeion Ward^ (D)	No change		
HD 93	Mike Mullin (D)	No change		
HD 94	David Yancey (R)	Shelly Simonds (D)	X	

HD 95	Marcia Price^ (D)	No change		
HD 96	Brenda Pogge (R)	Amanda Batten (R)		
HD 98	Keith Hodges (R)	No change		
HD 99	Margaret Ransone (R)	No change		
HD 100	Bob Bloxom (R)	No change		
SD 1	Monty Mason^ (D)	No change		
SD 2	Mamie Locke^ (D)	No change		
SD 3	Tommy Norment (R)	No change		
SD 4	Ryan McDougle (R)	No change		
SD 5	Lionnell Spruill (D)	No change		
SD 6	Lynwood Lewis (D)	No change		
SD 7	Frank Wagner (R)	Jen Kiggans (R)		X
SD 8	Bill DeSteph (R)	No change		
SD 14	John Cosgrove (R)	No change		

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