



# VOTE IN 2017 - PRESERVE YOUR VALUES

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## REGISTRATION DEADLINE

October 16, 2017

## GENERAL ELECTIONS

November 7, 2017

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### VOTING FOR

Virginia Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and All Members of the House of Delegates

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### WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

- **Virginia is one of only two states with statewide elections THIS YEAR.** Virginia's election results will determine how the state government responds to changes in federal policies. They also will lay the groundwork for the 2018 federal elections.
- **Turnout in non-presidential elections has been a third to half the turnout of a presidential election.** The party that best gets out the vote wins.
- **The Governor elected in 2017 will have veto power over state redistricting in 2021.**
  - Republicans controlled the Governorship and House of Delegates in 2011 when districts were last drawn, and as a result current districts vastly favor Republicans ("gerrymandering").
  - In the Virginia Senate, both Republicans and Democrats support redistricting reforms that would prevent gerrymandering by either party in 2021. However, these reform efforts have been voted down in the House of Delegates, where Republicans hold a seventeen seat advantage.
  - We need fairly drawn districts in 2021 so that state and federal races within Virginia are competitive and our legislators better reflect ALL voters' values.
- **We have the opportunity to change the balance in the House of Delegates.**
  - Because of gerrymandering and low voter turnout, the Virginia House of Delegates currently has 66 Republican and 34 Democratic members - a ratio that does not accurately reflect Virginia's electorate.
  - At least seventeen districts held by Republicans are competitive this year.
  - A more balanced General Assembly would support causes such as expanding Medicaid to bring health insurance to an estimated 400,000 Virginians.
- **The Governor has veto power over harmful legislation.** This year Governor McAuliffe vetoed a record 40 bills from this past legislative session.
- **Your vote helps ensure your values are both protected by and represented within state government on a broad range of issues** -- healthcare, transportation, taxation, the environment, social justice, civil rights, voting rights, immigration, family planning, education and gun violence.