

Certification of Referendums
General Election
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001, ACCOMACK COUNTY

District: ACCOMACK COUNTY

Election of School Board

Shall the method of selecting the school board be changed from appointment by the School Board Selection Committee to direct election by the voters?

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007, AMELIA COUNTY

District: AMELIA COUNTY

Meals Tax

Shall the County of Amelia be authorized to levy a tax, at a rate of 4% or less, on the amount charged for prepared food and beverages sold in the County, as provided by §58.1-3833 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, with the stipulation that the revenue from such a tax shall be used to fund operational expenses and capital projects related to fire protection and emergency medical services?

This tax would be imposed in addition to the current general retail sales and use taxes collected on all purchases. Thus, if this food and beverage tax is adopted and the maximum rate of 4% is imposed, then the total tax on all prepared food and beverages will be 9.3%.

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059, FAIRFAX COUNTY

District: FAIRFAX COUNTY

PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$315,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding, and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

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063, FLOYD COUNTY

District: FLOYD COUNTY

Food and Beverage Tax

Should Floyd County levy a tax on food and beverages sold, for human consumption, in the unincorporated areas of Floyd County, Virginia, pursuant to §58.1-3833 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, subject to the exceptions and limitations established by law, with the revenues collected from the tax to be used to support capital improvements as determined by the Floyd County Board of Supervisors?

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067, FRANKLIN COUNTY

Town: BOONES MILL

District: BOONES MILL

Sale of Mixed Alcoholic Beverages

Shall the sale of mixed alcoholic beverages by restaurants licensed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board be permitted in the Town of Boones Mill, Virginia?

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105, LEE COUNTY

District: LEE COUNTY

Lee County Public Schools

QUESTION: Shall Lee County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$47,213,470 to finance, together with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects for Lee County Public Schools?

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107, LOUDOUN COUNTY

District: LOUDOUN COUNTY

Public Safety Projects

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$15,660,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design, construct and equip the replacement of the Round Hill Fire Station; and the costs of other public safety facilities approved in the County's Capital Improvement Program?

School Projects

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$81,761,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design and construct the C.S. Monroe Technology Center/Douglass School Renovations; the costs to design and construct High School Stadium Synthetic Turf and Track Resurfacing; the costs to install Division Security Improvements at 60 schools; the costs of School Bus Replacements and Acquisitions; and the costs of other public school facilities as requested by the Loudoun County School Board?

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155, PULASKI COUNTY

District: PULASKI COUNTY

School Bond

Should the County of Pulaski, Virginia, contract a debt and issue its General Obligation Bonds in the maximum amount of \$47,000,000.00 to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of a consolidated Pulaski County Middle School and related improvements?

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175, SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

District: SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

Removal of Courthouse

Shall the courthouse be removed to 30100 Camp Parkway, Courtland, Virginia, and shall the Board of Supervisors be permitted to spend \$26,500,000.00, therefore?

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195, WISE COUNTY

District: WISE COUNTY

Sunday Wine and Beer Sales

Shall the sale of wine and beer between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. on each Saturday and six o'clock a.m. on each Monday be permitted in Wise County, Virginia?

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610, FALLS CHURCH CITY

District: FALLS CHURCH CITY

REFERENDUM ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, EXPANDING, RECONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, EQUIPPING, AND/OR RE-EQUIPPING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, A NEW OR RENOVATED HIGH SCHOOL AND PART OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL.

QUESTION: Shall the City of Falls Church, Virginia, contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed one hundred twenty million dollars (\$120,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying the costs incident to constructing, expanding, reconstructing, renovating, equipping, and/or reequipping, in whole or in part, a new or improved High School and part of a middle school in the City of Falls Church, and shall Ordinance No. 1976 of the City authorizing the issuance of such bonds be effective?

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620, FRANKLIN CITY

District: FRANKLIN CITY

Removal of Courthouse

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760, RICHMOND CITY

District: RICHMOND CITY

PROPOSITION A

Shall the Charter of the City of Richmond be amended as follows:
Section 6.15 - Fulfilling the Promise of Equal Educational Opportunities.

(a) Preamble

"Education is the great equalizer" Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wisely taught us. In their historic Brown v. Board of Education decisions, the U.S. Supreme Court said "education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments." They concluded the opportunity for an education "is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms." The Justices further indicated the "physical condition of the school plant" could deny this fundamental right.

In 1970, Virginians by public referendum adopted a new state constitution to ensure equality of educational opportunity.

Yet national and Virginia studies show the average public school facility has been allowed to age into obsolescence. Thus while Richmond's facilities are collectively more obsolete, our situation is not unique. Respected experts have long warned that students spending their public school lifetimes in such facilities suffer significant and permanent educational detriment.

Dr. King famously observed a right delayed is a right denied. We, the people, have therefore chosen to lead. We believe our success can set a needed example for the nation.

(b) Duty of the Mayor

Not later than six months after this section becomes law, the Mayor shall formally present to the City Council a fully-funded plan to modernize the city's K-12 educational infrastructure consistent with national standards or inform City Council such a plan is not feasible. In fulfilling the duties herein, the Mayor shall consult with the School Board, City Council, consider cost savings available in state or federal law and further provide an opportunity for public participation.

(c) No New or Increased Taxes

The fully-funded plan required in subsection (b) cannot be based on the passage of new or increased taxes for that purpose.

(d) Duty of the School Board

Nothing herein shall alter powers previously given to the School Board.

(e) Duty of the City Council

Once the Mayor has complied with subsection (b), the City Council shall have 90 days to take such action as it deems appropriate.