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FACT SHEET: NOV. 6 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN VIRGINIA

Poll hours: The polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. If you are in line by 7 p.m. will be able to vote.

Polling places: There are 2,441 precincts in the Commonwealth. You can find your polling location by visiting the Department of Elections Citizen Portal at: vote.virginia.gov.

Registering to vote: THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE NOV. 6 GENERAL ELECTION WAS OCT. 15, so if you haven't registered to vote yet, it's too late. If you're not sure if you're registered, you can check at: vote.virginia.gov or contact your local voter registration office.

Turnout/Registration Statistics: As of Oct. 29, 5,667,787 Virginians had registered to vote in the Nov. 6, 2018 election. (That number will change as mailed registration applications that have not yet been received but were postmarked by the deadline, Oct. 15, are processed. Final registration figures should be available by Nov. 2.)

Voter registration and turnout since 2010 (Presidential years are in **bold**):

Year	Total Registered Voters	Percentage change from previous year	Total voting	Turnout (% voting of total registration)	Voting Absentee (included in Total voting)
2017	5,489,530	-0.73%	2,612,309	47.6%	182,256
2016	5,529,742	6.41%	3,984,631	72.05%	496,452
2015	5,196,436	-1.60%	1,509,864	29.1%	62,605

2014	5,281,011	0.78%	2,194,346	41.6%	123,221
2013	5,240,286	-3.5%	2,253,418	43.0%	121,359
2012	5,428,833	6.1%	3,858,043	71.06%	447,907
2011	5,116,929	1.68%	1,463,761	28.61%	59,519
2010	5,032,144	1.54%	2,214,503	44.01%	106,888

Historical voter turnout and registration statistics going back to 1976 are also available here:
www.elections.virginia.gov/turnout

Ballot order: The two major political parties appear on the ballot first, then candidates endorsed by recognized political parties, then unaffiliated candidates (independent).

The State Board of Elections determined the order in which all political party nominees appear on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot through a random drawing on June 25.

On the ballot Nov. 6:

- Candidates for the **U.S. Senate** (candidates in order they'll appear on the ballot)
 - Corey A. Stewart (R)
 - Timothy M. Kaine (D)
 - Matt J. Waters (L)
- Members of the **U.S. House of Representatives** from all 11 Virginia districts
- Various **county and city officers** and **local referendums**
- Two proposed **constitutional amendments:**

1. Ballot Question

***Question:** Should a county, city, or town be authorized to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if flooding resiliency improvements have been made on the property?*

2. Ballot Question

***Question:** Shall the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent and total disability be amended to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different primary residence and still claim the exemption?*

For more details on the constitutional amendments: www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2018/

You can see what's on the ballot in your locality at: vote.virginia.gov

Photo ID: Virginia law requires all registered voters to show one acceptable photo ID to vote in person. The following are acceptable forms of identification.

- Virginia driver's license
- Virginia DMV-issued photo ID
- United States passport
- Employer-issued photo ID
- Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia (public or private)
- Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID (including veteran's photo ID)
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID issued by one of the 11 tribes recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Virginia voter photo ID card

More on voter ID at: www.elections.virginia.gov/voterid

Absentee ballots: As of Oct. 29, 2018, 191,755 Virginians had returned an absentee ballot. The Code of Virginia allows voters to cast an absentee ballot if they qualify by meeting one of 20 reasons. The full list can be found at www.elections.virginia.gov/absentee

You have several options for requesting an absentee ballot:

- Online at: www.elections.virginia.gov/onlineregistration.
- Go to: www.elections.virginia.gov/forms and download the request for an absentee ballot, print it, fill it out and mail it to their local voter registration office. You can find that mailing address of their local voter registration office at: www.elections.virginia.gov/LocalGR. REQUESTS FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LOCAL VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE BY 5 P.M. TUESDAY, OCT. 30.
- Visit your local voter registration office in person and complete the application. If during the absentee ballot voting period the application is approved, you will be allowed to cast your vote at that time. THE LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON IS SATURDAY, NOV. 3.

Local voter registration offices will be open Saturday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Nov. 3 for absentee voting. Find your local office: www.elections.virginia.gov/LocalGR

ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE REGISTRAR NO LATER THAN 7 P. M. ON ELECTION DAY (TUESDAY, NOV. 6).

You can find more information about absentee voting here: www.elections.virginia.gov/absentee

Voting systems and election security: Most voting systems in use in Virginia are optical/digital scanning systems. For more information, go to: www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/voting-systems.

Find out what Virginia is doing to make sure elections stay secure, fair and free at: www.elections.virginia.gov/election-security

Provisional ballots: This is a paper ballot that is cast separately and sealed in a green envelope. The voter must provide the information requested and sign the Statement of Voter. A provisional ballot is used in the following situations, but not limited to:

- When the voter's name is not on the pollbook, the voter believes he is registered in that precinct, and the registrar's office cannot be contacted to verify that the voter is registered.
- When a voter at the polling place fails to present one of the forms of identification required in Virginia.
- When a voter fails to show one of the required forms of photo ID when voting in person.
- When a voter who registered by mail on or after January 1, 2003, and did not mail in a copy of their ID at that time, fails to show one of the federally required forms of ID when voting for the first time in a federal election.
- When a voter who was sent an absentee ballot has not received or has lost the ballot, or had previously returned the ballot spoiled or damaged and appears at his regular polling place on Election Day.
- When the normal voting hours are extended by court order.
- When the pollbook indicates that the voter has already cast a ballot in the current election.

Provisional ballots are not counted on Election Day; the Electoral Board will meet the day after the election to begin determining whether each provisional voter was qualified to vote. The votes of qualified voters will then be counted and included in the results of the locality. If the provisional ballot was cast due to the voter's inability to provide proper identification when attempting to vote, the voter has until noon on Friday, November 9, 2018 to submit a copy of an identification document. Therefore, the results may not be available until after that time in some localities.

More about provisional ballots: www.elections.virginia.gov/rights.

The Canvass Process: Immediately after the election, each of the 133 Electoral Boards must convene to ascertain the results of all elections held in its county or city and certify the results. The Electoral Board will meet no later than 5 p.m. on the day after the election. The canvassing process includes:

- Counting provisional ballots
- Collecting vote summaries from the precincts
- Rechecking the total number of ballots cast compared with the reported number
- Certifying the results

State and federal contest results are unofficial until certified by the State Board of Elections (SBE). The SBE will meet to certify the November election results on November 19, 2018.

For more information about Virginia Election Law: www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law

Recounts: In Virginia, there are no automatic recounts. Only an apparent losing candidate can ask for a recount, and only if the difference between the apparent winning candidate and that apparent losing

candidates is not more than one percent of the total votes cast for those two candidates. However, if one of the candidates was a write-in candidate, a recount can be requested if the difference is not more than five percent of the total votes cast for the apparent winning candidate and the apparent losing candidate for that office.

For more information on recounts: www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law

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