

Current Status of City Package Bills January 19, 2013

HB 1309 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening of school year.

Patrons: Comstock and Bell, Richard P.

Summary as introduced:

School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement.

09/07/12 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Teachers and Admin. Action

Notes: City position: support

HB 1310 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening of school year.

Patron: Habeeb

Summary as introduced:

School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement.

09/19/12 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Teachers and Admin. Action

Notes: City position: support

HB 1337 Polling place procedures; voter identification requirements.

Patron: Cole

Summary as introduced:

Elections; polling place procedures; voter identification requirements. Removes several items from the list of acceptable identification documents that a voter must present when voting at the polls on election day: a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter. These documents continue to be valid identification for certain first-time voters at federal elections who are required to show identification under the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

11/20/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

Notes: City Position: oppose

HB 1353 Absentee voting; persons eligible to vote by absentee ballot.

Patrons: Morrissey, Scott, J.M. and Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting. Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee in person without providing an excuse or reason for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill

retains the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot for those persons who vote absentee by mail.

11/29/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/15/13 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB1922-Herring)

Notes: City position: support

HB 1361 Absentee voting; persons eligible to vote by absentee ballot.

Patrons: Scott, J.M. and Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting. Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee in person without providing an excuse or reason for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot for those persons who vote absentee by mail.

12/04/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/15/13 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB1922-Herring)

Notes: City position: support

HB 1403 Retail Sales and Use Tax; increases amount of revenue dedicated to Transportation Trust Fund.

Patrons: Cole, Lingamfelter and Marshall, R.G.

Summary as introduced:

Sales and use tax revenue dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund. Increases the amount of sales and use tax revenue dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund from an amount generated by a 0.5 percent tax rate under current law to an amount generated by a one percent tax rate, phased in by a 0.1 percent increase each year for five years, or over a longer period of time if there is a lack of growth in general fund revenues.

12/17/12 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1467 School calendar; makes local school boards responsible for setting opening of school year, etc.

Patron: Greason

Summary as introduced:

School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening day of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. The bill contains technical amendments.

12/28/12 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Teachers and Admin. Action

Notes: City position: support

HB 1491 School calendar; makes local school boards responsible for setting opening of school year, etc.

Patron: Kory

Summary as introduced:

School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening day of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/02/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Teachers and Admin. Action

Notes: City position: support

HB 1525 Tuition, in-state; undocumented persons.

Patrons: Rust; Senator: Hanger

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; undocumented persons. Establishes that an undocumented person who is unlawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible for in-state tuition unless he (i) entered and began residing in the United States prior to his sixteenth birthday; (ii) has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) has registered as an entering student in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) has resided in the Commonwealth for at least five years immediately preceding his registration as an entering student in an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (v) has provided an affidavit to the institution stating that he has filed an application to become a permanent resident of the United States, is actively pursuing such permanent residency or will do so as soon as he is eligible, and that no grounds exist for the denial of such permanent residency; and (vi) has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least one year prior to the date of enrollment.

01/03/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

Notes: City position: support

HB 1673 School calendar; alternative schedules in school divisions offering additional instruction time.

Patron: Krupicka

Summary as introduced:

Opening of the school year; alternative schedules in school divisions offering additional instruction time. Permits the Board of Education to waive the requirement for a school board to set the first day that students are required to attend school after Labor Day in any school division that is providing (i) a minimum of 190 days or 1045 hours of instructional time for grades one through 12 and 190 days or 570 hours of instructional time for kindergarten or (ii) extensive and high-quality teacher collaboration, preparation, or professional development time as determined by the Board pursuant to regulation.

01/07/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Teachers and Admin. Action

Notes: City position: support

HB 1787 Polling places; identification required to vote.

Patrons: Bell, Robert B., Marshall, D.W. and Cox, J.A.

Summary as introduced:

Elections; identification required to vote. Amends the type of identification a voter must present to vote at the polls. All such identification must contain the voter's name, date of birth, and photograph; must be issued by the United States or the Commonwealth; and must contain an expiration date that is unexpired or that expired only after the most recent general election. The bill also requires that the Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue a free special identification card to voters who do not possess and cannot afford the necessary photo identification. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2014.

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1788 Elections; identification to register to vote and present at polls.

Patrons: Bell, Robert B. and Cox, J.A.

Summary as introduced:

Elections; identification to register to vote and to vote. Requires that an applicant to register to vote must present proof of citizenship with his registration application. The bill provides that any person who is registered in Virginia as of January 1, 2014, is deemed to have provided satisfactory proof of citizenship and provides a method for applicants who do not possess and cannot afford a document proving citizenship to obtain such proof for free. The bill also amends the type of identification a voter must present to vote at the polls. All such identification must contain the voter's name, date of birth, and photograph; must be issued by the United States or the Commonwealth; and must contain an expiration date that is unexpired or that expired only after the most recent general election. The bill also requires that the Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue a free special identification card to voters who do not possess and cannot afford the necessary photo identification. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2014.

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1880 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening of school year.

Patron: Morrissey

Summary as introduced:

School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening day of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Teachers and Admin. Action

Notes: City position: support

HB 1905 Restoration of civil rights; automatically eligible to vote upon completion of his sentence.

Patrons: Carr, Dance, Brink, James, Kory, McClellan, McQuinn and Tyler

Summary as introduced:

Restoration of civil rights. Provides for the automatic restoration of a felon's civil right to be eligible to vote upon the completion of his sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and the payment of all restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed as a result of the felony conviction. The bill has a contingent effective date of January 1, 2015, provided that the voters approve an amendment to Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution of Virginia at the 2014 November election.

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/15/13 House: Assigned Courts sub: #1 Criminal

Notes: City position: support

HB 1922 Early voting; any registered voter qualified to vote in election may vote in person.

Patron: Herring

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting. Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee in person without providing an excuse or reason for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot for those persons who vote absentee by mail.

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/15/13 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

Notes: City position: support

HB 1934 Tuition, in-state; undocumented persons to meet certain criteria.

Patrons: Lopez and Krupicka

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; undocumented persons. Establishes that an undocumented person who is unlawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible for in-state tuition unless he meets all of the following criteria: (i) he has resided with his parent, guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis while attending a public or private high school in the Commonwealth; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student in an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has resided in the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately preceding his registration as an entering student in an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or for one year if he is a veteran or an active duty member of the United States armed forces; (v) he has provided an affidavit to the institution stating that he has filed an application to become a permanent resident of the United States and is actively pursuing such permanent residency or will do so as soon as he is eligible; and (vi) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

Notes: City position: support

HB 1937 Early voting; any registered voter qualified to vote in election may vote in person.

Patrons: Lopez and Krupicka

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting. Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee in person without providing an excuse or reason for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot for those persons who vote absentee by mail.

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/15/13 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB1922-Herring)

Notes: City position: support

HB 2013 Early voting; any registered voter qualified to vote in election may vote in person.

Patron: Torian

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting. Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee in person without providing an excuse or reason for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot for those persons who vote absentee by mail.

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

Notes: City package: support

HB 2070 Mass Transit; removes all current allocations made by CTB and implements performance-based funding.

Patron: Comstock

Summary as introduced:

Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. Removes all current allocations made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to mass transit and implements performance-based funding for mass transit.

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/18/13 House: Assigned Transportation sub: #4

Notes: City position: oppose

HJ 535 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights to certain persons.

Patron: Herring

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law for nonviolent felons.

07/18/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee

01/14/13 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (6-Y 1-N)

Notes: City position: support

HJ 539 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications to vote; executive clemency.

Patron: Habeeb

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications to vote; executive clemency; restoration of right to vote. Provides that no person convicted of a felony shall be qualified to vote unless he has completed service of his sentence, including any modifications of the sentence, and the payment in full of any restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed against him as a result of the felony conviction. The proposed amendment removes the power of the Governor or other appropriate authority (such as another state's law) to restore the right to vote to a felon.

09/07/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee

01/14/13 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HJ535-Herring)

Notes: City position: support

HJ 547 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies.

Patrons: Farrell and Morrissey

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Directs the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law for nonviolent felons.

11/12/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee

01/14/13 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HJ535-Herring)

Notes: City position: support

HJ 563 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights to persons convicted of felonies.

Patron: Morrissey

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of felonies who have completed service of their sentence including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The proposed amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds the alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to general law.

12/04/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee

01/14/13 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (5-Y 2-N)

Notes: City position: support

HJ 585 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); restoration of civil rights.

Patron: Tyler

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law for nonviolent felons.

12/27/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee

01/14/13 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HJ535-Herring)

Notes: City position: support

HJ 664 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights for certain persons convicted of felonies.

Patrons: Carr, Dance, Brink, James, McClellan, McQuinn and Tyler

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of felonies who have completed service of their sentence, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. Currently the Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The proposed amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds the alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to general law.

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee

01/14/13 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HJ535-Herring)

Notes: City position: support

SB 702 Absentee voting; persons eligible to vote by absentee ballot.

Patrons: Howell, Brink and Ebbin; *Delegates:* Krupicka, Scott, J.M. and Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting. Provides that qualified voters may vote absentee in person without providing an excuse or reason for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the present statutory list of specific reasons entitling a voter to cast an absentee ballot for those persons who vote absentee by mail.

11/01/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/15/13 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (7-Y 8-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 719 Polling place procedures; voter identification requirements.

Patron: Black (by request)

Summary as introduced:

Elections; polling place procedures; voter identification requirements. Removes several items from the list of acceptable identification documents that a voter must present when voting at the polls on election day: a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or

paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter. These documents continue to be valid identification for certain first-time voters at federal elections who are required to show identification under the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

12/03/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/15/13 Senate: Assigned to P&E sub: Campaigns and Elections

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 967 Absentee ballot; eliminates requirement applicant provide reason cannot vote at polling place.

Patrons: Ebbin; Delegate: Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Application for absentee ballot. Eliminates the requirement that a person applying for an absentee ballot provide additional information regarding the reason the applicant will be absent or cannot vote at his polling place on the day of the election.

01/08/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/18/13 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (12-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 1090 Tuition, in-state; undocumented persons to meet certain criteria, approval for.

Patron: McEachin

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; undocumented persons. Establishes that an undocumented person who is unlawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible for in-state tuition unless he meets all of the following criteria: (i) he has resided with his parent, guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis while attending a public or private high school in this state; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has resided in the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately preceding his registration as an entering student in an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or for at least one year if he is a veteran or an active duty member of the United States armed forces; (v) he has provided an affidavit to the institution stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (vi) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

01/09/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Notes: City position: support

SB 1099 School calendar; makes local school boards responsible for setting opening of school year, etc.

Patron: Smith

Summary as introduced:

School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of

this requirement.

01/09/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Notes: City position: support

SB 1140 Mass Transit; removes all current allocations made by CTB and implements performance-based funding.

Patron: Petersen

Summary as introduced:

Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. Removes all current allocations made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to mass transit and implements performance-based funding for mass transit.

01/09/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 1224 Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.

Patron: Locke

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices. Adds lawful source of income to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. The bill defines lawful source of income as any income used by a person to pay for the purchase or lease of a dwelling including (i) public assistance, (ii) any manner of gross income, (iii) federal supplemental security income benefits, (iv) child support, and (v) any federal, state, or local housing assistance, regardless of whether the funds are paid directly to the person or to a landlord or other third party for the benefit of the person. The bill also authorizes the governing body of any county, city, or town to enact an ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Fair Housing Law, provided such ordinance includes protections against discrimination that are at least as protective as those provided by the law.

01/09/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Notes: City position: support

SB 1233 Tuition, in-state; eligibility of student, approval for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Establishes that a student shall be eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has provided an affidavit to the public institution of higher education for which he has registered stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth, (iii) he has resided in the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately preceding his registration as an entering student in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, and (iv) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

01/09/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/15/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

Notes: City position: support

SB 1256 Voter identification requirements; photo ID.

Patrons: Obenshain and Ruff

Summary as introduced:

Voter identification requirements; photo ID. Requires photo ID at the polls by eliminating all forms of identification that do not contain a photograph of the voter from the list of forms of identification any one of which a voter must present in order to be allowed to vote. The bill also adds a valid United States passport to the list and requires that a student identification card issued by an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth contain a photograph in order to be used by a voter. The bill does not affect the right of a voter who does not present one of the required forms of identification to cast a provisional ballot. The bill also provides that the State Board shall provide voter registration cards that contain a voter's photograph and signature if the voter does not possess other satisfactory photo ID.

01/10/13 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 13103249D

01/10/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: oppose

SJ 321 Constitutional amendment; restoration of voting rights.

Patron: McEachin

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); restoration of voting rights. Provides for the automatic restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies (excepting felony drug and election fraud crimes) upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole. The bill further provides that persons convicted of violent felonies, felony drug crimes, or election fraud crimes may have their voting rights restored by the Governor upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of voting rights to such persons. The restoration of rights pursuant to this provision has no effect on the right to possess firearms.

01/09/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/15/13 Senate: Assigned to P&E sub: Constitutional Amendments, Reapportionment and Referenda

Notes: City position: support