

## Current Status of City Package Bills February 6, 2015

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### **HB 1288 Same-sex marriages; civil unions.**

*Patrons:* Simon, Hester, Hope, Kory, Plum and Sickles

*Summary as introduced:*

**Same-sex marriages; civil unions.** Repeals the statutory prohibitions on same-sex marriages and civil unions or other arrangements between persons of the same sex purporting to bestow the privileges and obligations of marriage. The bill does not affect the prohibition on these relationships contained in Article I, Section 15-A of the Constitution of Virginia.

01/28/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HB 1289 Same-sex marriages; civil unions.**

*Patrons:* Surovell, Simon, Carr, Hester, Hope, Kory, Krupicka, Lopez, Plum and Rasoul;

*Senators:* Edwards, Favola and Howell

*Summary as introduced:*

**Same-sex marriages; civil unions.** Repeals the statutory prohibitions on same-sex marriages and civil unions or other arrangements between persons of the same sex purporting to bestow the privileges and obligations of marriage. The bill does not affect the prohibition on these relationships contained in Article I, Section 15-A of the Constitution of Virginia.

01/28/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 4-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HB 1356 In-state tuition; students granted Temporary Protected Status, etc.**

*Patrons:* Ramadan, Cole, Edmunds, LaRock, Pogge, Poindexter and Wilt

*Summary as introduced:*

**In-state tuition; students granted Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.** Declares that absent congressional intent to the contrary, any person granted Temporary Protected Status or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services does not have the capacity to intend to remain in Virginia indefinitely and, therefore, is ineligible for Virginia domicile and for in-state tuition charges at public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth.

01/16/15 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

**Notes:** City Position: oppose

### **HB 1375 Voter identification; expiration date not considered.**

*Patrons:* Lindsey, Surovell, Kory and Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; voter identification; expiration date not considered.** Provides that the expiration date on a form of identification offered for voting identification purposes shall not be considered when determining the validity of that form of identification.

01/29/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1394 Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.**

*Patrons:* Herring and Rasoul

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.** Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

01/27/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 1478 In-state tuition; students granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.**

*Patrons:* Kory, Simon and Surovell

*Summary as introduced:*

**In-state tuition; students granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.** Declares that absent congressional intent to the contrary, any person granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has the capacity to intend to remain in Virginia indefinitely and, therefore, is eligible for Virginia domicile and for in-state tuition charges at public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth.

01/26/15 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1497 Absentee voting; registered voter using absentee ballot.**

*Patron:* Sullivan

*Summary as introduced:*

**Absentee voting; no-excuse.** Allows for any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he is qualified to vote.

01/27/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1512 Minimum wage; increases to \$15.15 per hour.**

*Patrons:* Simon, Carr, Futrell, Hope, James, Kory, Krupicka, Lindsey, Lopez, McQuinn, Plum, Surovell and Tyler

*Summary as introduced:*

**Minimum wage.** Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$15.15 per hour effective July 1, 2015, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. The \$15.15 rate shall be adjusted annually thereafter to reflect increases in the consumer price index. The measure also eliminates provisions that address determinations of the wages of tipped employees.

01/27/15 House: Tabled in Commerce and Labor

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 1654 Minimum wage; increases to \$8.00 per hour.**

*Patrons:* Plum, Simon, Ward, Futrell, Kory and Lopez

*Summary as introduced:*

**Minimum wage.** Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.00 per hour effective July 1, 2015, to \$9.00 per hour effective July 1, 2016,

and to \$10.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

01/27/15 House: Tabled in Commerce and Labor

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1680 Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions.**

*Patrons:* Carr and Loupassi

*Summary as introduced:*

**Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions.**

Prohibits state agencies from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been convicted of any crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if the prospective employee has a conviction record that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the position. The prohibition does not apply to applications for employment with law-enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services agencies. Localities are authorized to prohibit such inquiries by ordinance.

01/21/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1682 Alexandria, City of; amending charter.**

*Patron:* Herring

*Summary as introduced:*

**Charter; City of Alexandria.** Deletes numerous outdated provisions and updates references to the Code of Virginia.

02/04/15 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1830 Medical assistance; state plan for eligibility of payment.**

*Patron:* Plum

*Summary as introduced:*

**State plan for medical assistance; eligibility.** Requires the Board of Medical Assistance Services to include in the state plan for medical assistance provision for the payment of medical assistance on behalf of individuals described in 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) who are under 65 years of age and not otherwise eligible for medical assistance and whose household income does not exceed 133 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of that size. The bill provides that such provision shall expire on December 31 of any year in which the federal medical assistance percentage for such individuals falls below the percentages set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 433.10(c)(6).

01/28/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 1-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1867 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; visible mold remediation, obligation of landlord.**

*Patron:* Krupicka

*Summary as introduced:*

**Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; visible mold remediation.** Provides that where there is visible evidence of mold in a dwelling unit, the landlord shall promptly remediate the mold conditions in accordance with the requirements for visible mold remediation and re-inspect the dwelling unit to confirm that there is no longer any visible evidence of mold in the dwelling unit. The bill requires the landlord to make available to the tenant copies of any available written information related to the remediation of mold.

02/04/15 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City Package: support

**HB 1900 Virginia Housing Trust Fund; revenue deposits.**

*Patron:* Lopez

*Summary as introduced:*

**Virginia Housing Trust Fund; revenue deposits.** Requires the deposit of certain recordation tax revenue into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

01/21/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1922 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patron:* Murphy

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.** Entitles persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/27/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1989 Motor vehicle title loans, payday loans, and open-end credit plans; caps interest rate.**

*Patron:* Morrissey

*Summary as introduced:*

**Motor vehicle title loans, payday loans, and open-end credit plans; interest rate.** Caps the rate of interest that may be charged on motor vehicle title loans, payday loans, and open-end credit plans at 36 percent per year. The bill also prohibits a lender from charging a membership fee, participation fee, or transaction fee in connection with any such extension of credit.

01/27/15 House: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1992 Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.**

*Patron:* Morrissey

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.** Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in

person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

01/27/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HB 2252 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patron:* Preston

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.** Entitles persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/27/15 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HJ 491 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications to vote; executive clemency; restoration.**

*Patrons:* Habeeb and Farrell

*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.

01/13/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HJ 492 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage.**

*Patrons:* Krupicka, Hope, Lopez, Murphy, Sickles and Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Constitutional amendment; marriage.** Replaces the language of the constitution that was approved at the November 2006 election with new language that provides that "the freedom to choose to marry another person resides with the individual and cannot be infringed upon by this Commonwealth, except on the basis of age, kinship, or marital status, as prescribed by law." The amendment also requires the Commonwealth to recognize any marriage between two persons performed in any other jurisdiction that would be lawful in Virginia and specifies that a celebrant authorized to perform marriages in the Commonwealth does not infringe upon the rights guaranteed by the Constitution if that individual refuses to perform the marriage of any persons.

01/13/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HJ 493 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage.**

*Patrons:* Surovell, Carr, Hope, Kory, Krupicka, Lopez, Plum, Rasoul and Sickles; Senators: Edwards, Favola and Howell

*Summary as introduced:*

**Constitutional amendment; marriage.** Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment

dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election. That amendment to the Bill of Rights (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the State or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

01/13/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HJ 522 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote, restoration of civil rights.**

*Patrons:* Herring and Rasoul

*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.

01/13/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

**Notes:** City position: support

**HJ 604 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights.**

*Patrons:* Carr, Rasoul and Torian

*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.

01/20/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HJ 616 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote, restoration of civil rights.**

*Patron:* Lopez

*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.

01/23/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

**Notes:** City Position: Support



**HJ 621 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote, restoration of civil rights.**

*Patron:* Preston

*Summary as introduced:*

**Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights.** Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of 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 felons.

01/20/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HJ 627 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights.**

*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. 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.

01/20/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HJ 628 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights.**

*Patrons:* Torian and Rasoul

*Summary as introduced:*

**Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights.** Provides that no person convicted of a felony shall be qualified to vote unless he has served his full sentence and been released back to civil society. The proposed amendment removes the current constitutional language that provides for restoration of civil rights by the Governor or other appropriate authority.

01/20/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 677 Absentee voting; persons eligible to vote absentee in person.**

*Patrons:* Howell, Dance and Petersen; *Delegates:* Sickles, Simon and Watts

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.** Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day.

02/03/15 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (7-Y 8-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 681 Minimum wage; increases \$8.00 per hour.**

*Patrons:* Marsden, Barker, Colgan, Dance, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, McEachin, Miller, Petersen, Saslaw and Wexton; *Delegates:* Kory, Sickles and Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Minimum wage.** Increases the minimum wage from its current level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.00 per hour effective July 1, 2015, to \$9.00 per hour effective July 1, 2016, and to \$10.10 per hour effective July 1, 2017, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal law.

01/19/15 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (11-Y 3-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 682 Same-sex marriages; civil unions.**

*Patrons:* Ebbin, Edwards, Favola and Howell; *Delegates:* Carr, Hester, Hope, Kory, Krupicka, Morrissey, Plum, Rasoul, Sickles and Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Same-sex marriages; civil unions.** Repeals the statutory prohibitions on same-sex marriages and civil unions or other arrangements between persons of the same sex purporting to bestow the privileges and obligations of marriage. The prohibition on these relationships contained in Article I, Section 15-A of the Constitution of Virginia is unaffected by this bill.

01/28/15 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Courts of Justice (5-Y 9-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 704 Alternative local minimum wage; establishes procedure which wage may be imposed in any locality.**

*Patrons:* Favola; *Delegates:* Hope, Kory and Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Alternative local minimum wage.** Establishes a procedure by which an alternative local minimum wage may be imposed in any locality. Adoption of an alternative minimum wage requirement requires majority approval by the voters in a local referendum. An alternative local minimum wage requires every employer to pay to each of his employees, for work performed by them within the locality, wages at a rate not less than (i) \$8.25 per hour during the first 12 months the requirement is in effect; (ii) \$9.25 per hour during the following 12 months; and (iii) \$10.50 per hour thereafter. If the federal minimum wage exceeds the levels specified in an alternative local minimum wage requirement, the federal minimum wage will prevail.

01/26/15 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (11-Y 4-N)

**Notes:** City Package: support

**SB 706 Minimum wage; increases to \$8.00 per hour.**

*Patrons:* Puller; *Delegates:* Kory and Simon



*Summary as introduced:*

**Minimum wage.** Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.00 per hour effective July 1, 2015, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. The measure also provides that the cash wage paid to a tipped employee shall not be less than 50 percent of the minimum wage, and that the tip credit shall equal the difference between the cash wage required to be paid to a tipped employee and the minimum wage.

01/19/15 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Commerce and Labor (14-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 708 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patrons:* Edwards and Ebbin; *Delegate:* Kory

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.** Entitles persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/27/15 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections into SB719 (McWaters)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 719 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patrons:* McWaters, Barker, Edwards, Miller, Wexton, Ebbin and Howell; *Delegate:* Kory

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.** Entitles persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

02/02/15 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (33-Y 5-N)

02/06/15 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 722 In-state tuition; students granted Temporary Protected Status, etc.**

*Patrons:* Black; *Delegate:* Cole

*Summary as introduced:*

**In-state tuition; students granted Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability.** Makes any person granted Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or Deferred Action for Parental Accountability by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ineligible for Virginia domicile and for in-state tuition charges at State colleges and universities.

01/20/15 Senate: Read third time and defeated by Senate (19-Y 20-N)

**Notes:** City Position: oppose

**SB 758 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patrons:* Barker and Ebbin

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.** Entitles persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/27/15 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections into SB719 (McWaters)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 822 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patrons:* Miller and Ebbin

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.** Entitles persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/27/15 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections into SB719 (McWaters)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 910 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patrons:* Wexton, Dance, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Howell, Locke, Marsden and Saslaw;

*Delegate:* Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.** Entitles persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/27/15 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections into SB719 (McWaters)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 945 Payday loans; permitted interest.**

*Patron:* Miller

*Summary as introduced:*

**Payday loans; permitted interest.** Removes provisions of the Payday Loan Act that authorize lenders to charge a loan fee or verification fee, thereby limiting permissible charges on payday loans to interest at a maximum annual rate of 36 percent.

01/19/15 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Commerce and Labor (2-Y 11-N 1-A)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 954 Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.**

*Patrons:* Dance and Ebbin

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.** Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

02/03/15 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections into SB677 (Howell)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 1017 Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, etc.**

*Patrons:* Dance, Ebbin, McEachin, Miller and Wexton; *Delegate:* Krupicka

*Summary as introduced:*

**Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions.**

Prohibits state agencies from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been convicted of any crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if the prospective

employee has a conviction record that bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. The prohibition does not apply to applications for employment with law-enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services agencies. The bill also authorizes localities to prohibit such inquiries.

02/05/15 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 17-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 1214 Alexandria, City of; amending charter.**

*Patron:* Ebbin

*Summary as introduced:*

**Charter; City of Alexandria.** Deletes or updates numerous outdated provisions.

01/26/15 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

01/30/15 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SJ 213 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage.**

*Patrons:* Howell and Ebbin; *Delegates:* Hester, Sickles, Simon and Watts

*Summary as introduced:*

**Constitutional amendment; marriage.** Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved at the November 2006 election.

01/27/15 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections into SJ214 (Ebbin)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SJ 214 Constitutional amendment; marriage.**

*Patrons:* Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Howell and McEachin; *Delegates:* Carr, Hester, Hope, Kory, Krupicka, Morrissey, Plum, Rasoul, Sickles and Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Constitutional amendment; marriage.** Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved at the November 2006 election.

01/27/15 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SJ 238 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote, restoration of civil rights.**

*Patrons:* Dance and Ebbin

*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 to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences, including any period or condition of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. At present, the Constitution of Virginia authorizes the Governor to restore civil rights to persons convicted of a felony; that provision is retained.

02/04/15 Senate: Agreed to by Senate (29-Y 9-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SJ 293 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote, restoration of civil rights.**

*Patron:* McEachin

*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 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.

02/03/15 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (9-Y 6-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support