

Current Status of City Package Bills March 3, 2015

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Courts of Justice

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Courts of Justice

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1356 Tuition, in-state; 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.

02/10/15 House: Left in 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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HB 1478 Tuition, in-state; 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.

02/10/15 House: Left in 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. This bill removes the current list of statutory reasons a person may be entitled to vote by absentee ballot and consolidates multiple sections relating to absentee voting by uniformed and overseas voters into one section and multiple sections related to absentee voting by persons with a disability into one section. It repeals several sections, including one made obsolete by the expansion of federal write-in absentee ballots to all elections.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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 from its current federally mandated level 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. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been arrested or charged with a crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if (i) the prospective employee's criminal arrest or charge resulted in the prospective employee's conviction of a crime and (ii) the crime of which he was convicted directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the position. The prohibition does not apply to applications for employment with public safety agencies.

02/10/15 House: Left in Courts of Justice

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.

02/25/15 House: Signed by Speaker

02/26/15 Senate: Signed by President

02/26/15 House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on 2/26/15

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).

02/11/15 House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions

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.

02/26/15 House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on 2/26/15

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Finance

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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. Proposes to replace the language of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage 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 Virginia to recognize any marriage between two persons performed in any other state or jurisdiction that would be lawful in the Commonwealth and specifies that a minister or civil 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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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 (first resolution); 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 Commonwealth 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."

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: Support

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

Patron: Preston

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment first resolution); 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 for felons.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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.

02/10/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

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 from its current federally mandated level to \$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 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 contained in 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. If approved at a referendum and imposed by ordinance of the local governing body, the alternative minimum wage requirement shall become effective on the July 1 that follows delivery to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry of certified copies of certain documents. 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 from its current federally mandated level to \$8.00 per hour.

Patrons: Puller; *Delegates:* Kory 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, unless a higher minimum wage is required by federal law. 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 Incorporated into SB719, which died

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 passed Senate:

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.

02/24/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

SB 722 Tuition, in-state; 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. Declares that absent congressional intent to the contrary, any person granted Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or Deferred Action for Parental Accountability 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.

01/20/15 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 Incorporated into SB719, which died

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 Incorporated into SB719, which died

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 Incorporated into SB719, which died

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 Incorporated into SB677, which died

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1017 Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions.

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. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been arrested or charged with a crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if (i) the prospective employee's criminal arrest or charge resulted in the prospective employee's conviction of a crime and (ii) the crime of which he was convicted 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.

02/24/15 House: Left in Courts of Justice

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1214 Alexandria, City of; amending charter, changes certain powers of mayor, city council, etc.

Patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

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

02/24/15 Senate: Enrolled Bill Communicated to Governor on 2/24/15

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. 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 Commonwealth 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."

01/27/15 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SJ214-Ebbin) (15-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 214 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage.

Patrons: Ebbin, Howell, McEachin, Edwards and Favola; *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. 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 Commonwealth 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."

01/27/15 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.

02/24/15 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

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