

## Current Status of City Package Bills February 5, 2016

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### **HB 56 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 70 or older.**

*Patrons:* Kory and Watts

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; absentee voting by persons age 70 or older.** Entitles persons who will be age 70 or older on the date of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

12/02/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101028D

12/02/15 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Elections

01/18/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB56)

01/19/16 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HB 68 Elections; early voting.**

*Patrons:* Sullivan, Heretick and Plum

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; early voting.** Allows any registered voter to vote early in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot. The bill requires that early voting be available beginning the twenty-first day prior to any general election, the seventh day prior to any special election held on a date other than the date of a general election, and the seventh day prior to any primary election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding the election. The bill further requires early voting to be available during regular business hours each weekday during the applicable period, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each Saturday during the applicable period, and from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each Sunday during the applicable period. The bill removes the current provisions for voting absentee in person but retains those provisions for voting an absentee ballot by mail, including the application requirement and the list of statutory reasons that allow a registered voter to vote absentee by mail.

12/06/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100856D

12/06/15 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Elections

01/18/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB68)

01/19/16 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HB 100 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patrons:* Marshall, D.W. and Kory

*Summary as introduced:*

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

12/14/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101510D

12/14/15 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Elections

01/19/16 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket

01/26/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB100)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 101 Elections; early voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patron:* Marshall, D.W.

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; early voting by persons age 65 or older.** Allows any registered voter age 65 or older to vote early in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot. The bill requires that early voting be available beginning the twenty-first day prior to any general election, the seventh day prior to any special election held on a date other than the date of a general election, and the seventh day prior to any primary election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding the election. The bill further requires early voting to be available during regular business hours each weekday during the applicable period, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each Saturday during the applicable period, and from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each Sunday during the applicable period. The bill does not amend the current provisions for voting absentee, including the application requirement and the list of statutory reasons that allow a registered voter to vote absentee.

12/14/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101514D

12/14/15 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Elections

01/18/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB101)

01/19/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 103 Consumer finance loans; caps maximum rate of interest.**

*Patron:* Rasoul

*Summary as introduced:*

**Consumer finance loans; rate of interest.** Caps the maximum rate of interest that a licensed consumer finance company may charge on any loan at 36 percent annually. The measure eliminates the existing provision that permits such licensees to charge any agreed-upon amount of interest on consumer finance loans over \$2,500.

12/14/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100511D

12/14/15 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/12/16 House: Impact statement from SCC (HB103)

01/26/16 House: Assigned to sub: Special Sub-Consumer Lending

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 107 Restoration of civil right to vote; eligibility for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies.**

*Patron:* Habeeb

*Summary as introduced:*

**Restoration of civil right to vote.** Provides for the automatic restoration of the civil right to be eligible to register to vote to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies (excepting felony drug and election fraud crimes) upon completion of 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.

12/15/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101030D

12/15/15 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Elections  
01/20/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB107)  
01/27/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 190 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; use of population estimate in connection with decisions.**

*Patrons:* Bulova and Herring

*Summary as introduced:*

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.** Provides that the population criterion required for decisions of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority shall be the estimates, not the projections, made by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia.

01/29/16 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (97-Y 0-N)

01/29/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N)

01/31/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB190)

02/01/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

02/01/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 250 Consumer loans; interest rate limits and lending practices.**

*Patrons:* Minchew, Yancey, Lindsey and Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Consumer loans; interest rate limits and lending practices.** Caps the rate of interest that may be charged on motor vehicle title loans, consumer finance company loans, payday loans, and open-end credit plans at 36 percent per year. The measure prohibits a lender from charging a membership fee, participation fee, or transaction fee in connection with any such extension of credit. The measure also prohibits a person making such a loan from (i) conditioning the making of the loan on the consumer's use of preauthorized transfers; (ii) making such a loan pursuant to an agreement under which the consumer permits the lender to access the consumer's account through preauthorized transfers; (iii) using an electronic check conversion transaction as a method of receiving a payment or collecting any amount due in connection with a loan; (iv) making such a loan with terms and conditions that, if the consumer was a covered member of the armed forces or a dependent of such a member, would violate the Military Lending Act; or (v) restricting the authority of the consumer to disclose to any person the provisions of any loan agreement.

12/30/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102782D

12/30/15 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/15/16 House: Impact statement from SCC (HB250)

01/26/16 House: Assigned to sub: Special Sub-Consumer Lending

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 266 Law libraries; assessment as part of cost in civil actions.**

*Patrons:* Davis; Senator: Wagner

*Summary as introduced:*

**Assessment for law libraries as part of cost in civil actions.** Increases the allowable law library assessment cost from four to five dollars.

12/31/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102455D  
12/31/15 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Civil Law  
01/18/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 288 Disposable plastic shopping bags; local option to prohibit distribution.**

*Patron:* Helsel

*Summary as introduced:*

**Distribution of disposable plastic shopping bags prohibited; local option.** Allows any locality by ordinance to prohibit the distribution, sale, or offer of disposable plastic shopping bags to consumers. The bill exempts from any such prohibition reusable bags of a certain thickness; bags that are used to carry certain products, such as ice cream or meat; and garbage bags that are sold in multiples.

01/04/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101743D  
01/04/16 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns  
01/18/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1  
01/27/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 329 Amber lights, flashing; allows publicly owner or operated transit buses to use.**

*Patron:* Villanueva

*Summary as introduced:*

**Amber lights on public transit buses.** Allows publicly owned or operated transit buses to use flashing amber lights.

01/26/16 House: Read second time and engrossed  
01/27/16 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)  
01/27/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N)  
01/28/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
01/28/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation  
**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 403 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; use of population estimate in connection with decisions.**

*Patron:* Herring

*Summary as introduced:*

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.** Provides that the population criterion required for decisions of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority shall be the estimates, not the projections, made by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia.

01/06/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102475D  
01/06/16 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation  
01/15/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #3  
01/21/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
01/31/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB403)  
**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 418 Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.**

*Patrons:* Bagby, Boysko, Carr, Heretick, Herring, Keam, Kory, Krizek, Lindsey, McClellan, McQuinn, Plum, Simon, Spruill and Tyler

*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.

01/07/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101492D

01/07/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Elections

01/18/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB418)

01/19/16 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 430 Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.**

*Patron:* Villanueva

*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.

01/07/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102772D

01/07/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Elections

01/18/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB430)

01/19/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 530 Public employment; inquiries by state agencies and localities regarding criminal convictions.**

*Patrons:* Carr and Aird

*Summary as introduced:*

**Public employment; inquiries by state agencies and localities regarding criminal convictions, charges, and arrests.** 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 law-enforcement agencies or certain positions designated as sensitive or in instances where a state agency is expressly permitted to inquire into an individual's criminal

history for employment purposes pursuant to any provision of federal or state law. The bill also authorizes localities to prohibit such inquiries.

01/09/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100777D

01/09/16 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/25/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB530)

02/03/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #4

02/04/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 531 Absentee voting; no-excuse in-person available 21 days prior to election.**

*Patron:* Murphy

*Summary as introduced:*

**Absentee voting; no-excuse in-person available 21 days prior to election.** Allows for any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in person in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot. The bill makes absentee voting in person available beginning the twenty-first day prior to the election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding the election. The bill retains the current provisions for voting an absentee ballot by mail, including the application requirement and the list of statutory reasons.

01/09/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100447D

01/09/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Elections

01/18/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB531)

01/19/16 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 597 Minimum wage; increases minimum wage from its current federally mandated level.**

*Patrons:* Plum and Ward

*Summary as introduced:*

**Minimum wage.** Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$10.00 per hour effective July 1, 2016, to \$13 per hour effective July 1, 2017, and to \$15 per hour effective July 1, 2018, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The measure also provides that the Virginia minimum wage applies to persons whose employment is covered by the FLSA.

01/11/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101044D

01/11/16 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/21/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1

01/26/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB597)

01/26/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support



**HB 623 Minimum wage; increases minimum wage from its current federally mandated level.**

*Patrons:* Krizek and Plum

*Summary as introduced:*

**Minimum wage.** Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour effective July 1, 2016, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). This increase applies only to any employee who is (i) age 25 years or older and (ii) employed by an employer with more than 15 employees.

01/11/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102092D

01/11/16 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/21/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1

01/21/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB623)

01/26/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 716 Commonwealth Transportation Board; project evaluation.**

*Patrons:* LeMunyon and Albo

*Summary as introduced:*

**Commonwealth Transportation Board; project evaluation.** Requires the congestion mitigation factor to be given a weight twice that of all other factors combined by the Commonwealth Transportation Board when evaluating projects in the Northern Virginia highway construction district using the statewide prioritization process.

01/11/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16103832D

01/11/16 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/15/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #3

01/21/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: oppose

**HB 797 State plan for medical assistance; eligibility of individuals.**

*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).

01/12/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101047D

01/12/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/20/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #3

01/21/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB797)

02/03/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 899 Elections; early voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patrons:* Toscano and Mason

*Summary as introduced:*

**Elections; early voting by persons age 65 or older.** Allows any registered voter age 65 or older to vote early in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot. The bill requires that early voting be available beginning the twenty-first day prior to any general election, the seventh day prior to any special election held on a date other than the date of a general election, and the seventh day prior to any primary election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding the election. The bill further requires early voting to be available during regular business hours each weekday during the applicable period, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each Saturday during the applicable period, and from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each Sunday during the applicable period. The bill does not amend the current provisions for voting absentee, including the application requirement and the list of statutory reasons that allow a registered voter to vote absentee.

01/12/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101448D

01/12/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/15/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Elections

01/21/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB899)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 995 Minimum wage; establishes a procedure by which a local alternative wage may be imposed.**

*Patron:* Levine

*Summary as introduced:*

**Local alternative minimum wage.** Establishes a procedure by which a local alternative minimum wage may be imposed in any locality. If imposed by ordinance of the local governing body, the alternative minimum wage requirement shall become effective on the July 1 that follows delivery of a certified copy of the ordinance to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry. A local alternative minimum wage requires every employer to pay to each of his employees, for work performed by them within the locality, wages at a rate to be determined by local ordinance up to and including \$10 per hour beginning July 1, 2016; thereafter, the maximum local alternative minimum wage shall be adjusted based on the CPI. If the federal minimum wage exceeds the levels specified in an alternative local minimum wage requirement, the federal minimum wage will prevail.

01/13/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16103902D

01/13/16 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/21/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1

01/21/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB995)

01/26/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support



**HB 1008 Motor vehicle fuels; sales tax in certain transportation districts, price floor.**

*Patrons:* Levine and Hester

*Summary as introduced:*

**Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor.** Places a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads by ensuring that the average sales price be no less than the statewide average sales price on February 20, 2013, which is the date used as a floor on the statewide motor vehicle fuels sales tax.

01/13/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101983D

01/13/16 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/29/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1008)

02/02/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1

02/03/16 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1075 Consumer finance loans; rate of interest.**

*Patrons:* Yancey, O'Bannon and Krizek

*Summary as introduced:*

**Consumer finance loans; rate of interest.** Caps the maximum rate of interest that a licensed consumer finance company may charge on any loan at 36 percent annually. The measure eliminates the existing provision that permits such licensees to charge any agreed-upon amount of interest on consumer finance loans over \$2,500. The measure also limits the late charge that a licensee may charge to the greater of \$20 or five percent of the unpaid installment. Currently, such late charges may not exceed five percent of the unpaid installment. Finally, the measure extends the grace period that must elapse before a late charge may be assessed from seven to 10 calendar days. The measure does not prohibit the collection of an outstanding loan made prior to the measure's effective date.

01/13/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101292D

01/13/16 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/19/16 House: Impact statement from SCC (HB1075)

01/26/16 House: Assigned to sub: Special Sub-Consumer Lending

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1216 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patron:* Aird

*Summary as introduced:*

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

01/18/16 House: Presented and ordered printed 16102488D

01/18/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/21/16 House: Assigned to sub: Elections

01/21/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1216)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HB 1258 Minimum wage; increases wage from federally mandated level to \$8.50 per hour.**

*Patron:* Rasoul

*Summary as introduced:*

**Minimum wage.** Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.50 per hour effective July 1, 2016, to \$10.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017, and to \$11.84 per hour effective July 1, 2018, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Effective July 1, 2019, and for years thereafter, the \$11.84 rate shall be adjusted to reflect annual increases in the consumer price index. The measure also provides that the Virginia minimum wage applies to persons whose employment is covered by the FLSA.

01/20/16 House: Presented and ordered printed 16104222D

01/20/16 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/28/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1

02/01/16 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1258)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HJ 82 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights.**

*Patrons:* Bagby, Boysko, Heretick, Kory, Krizek, Lindsey, McQuinn, Plum, Rasoul, Simon, Sullivan and Tyler

*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 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.

01/07/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101452D

01/07/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Notes:** City Position: support

**HJ 92 Constitutional amendment; qualifications of voters, restoration of civil rights**

*Patrons:* Carr and Plum

*Summary as introduced:*

**Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications of voters; restoration of civil rights.** Provides that the General Assembly may provide by general law for the restoration of civil rights to persons who have been convicted of felonies and who have completed service of their sentence, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

01/09/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101591D

01/09/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HJ 119 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights**

*Patron:* Torian

*Summary as introduced:*

**Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications of voters; 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.

01/12/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102616D

01/12/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **HJ 134 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights.**

*Patron:* Lopez

*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 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.

01/13/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/13/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102487D

**Notes:** City Position: Support

### **SB 54 Payday loans; permitted interest.**

*Patrons:* Locke and Miller; *Delegates:* Kory and Krizek

*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.

01/12/16 Senate: Impact statement from SCC (SB54)

01/25/16 Senate: Committee substitute printed to Web only 16104732D-S1

01/25/16 Senate: Incorporates SB189

01/25/16 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Commerce and Labor (4-Y 10-N)

01/27/16 Senate: Impact statement from SCC (SB54S1)

**Notes:** City Position: support

### **SB 55 Disposable plastic shopping bags; local option to prohibit distribution.**

*Patrons:* Locke; *Delegate:* Kory

*Summary as introduced:*

**Distribution of disposable plastic shopping bags prohibited; local option.** Allows any locality by ordinance to prohibit the distribution, sale, or offer of disposable plastic shopping bags to consumers. The bill exempts from any such prohibition reusable bags of a certain thickness; bags that are used to carry certain products, such as ice cream or newspapers; and garbage bags that are sold in multiples.

12/16/15 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101343D  
12/16/15 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government  
01/19/16 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Local Government (6-Y 7-N)  
**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 68 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patron:* Wexton

*Summary as introduced:*

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

12/21/15 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101429D

12/21/15 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/26/16 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB68)

01/26/16 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB188-Miller) (13-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 105 Virginia Housing Trust Fund; revenue deposits.**

*Patron:* Locke

*Summary as introduced:*

**Virginia Housing Trust Fund; revenue deposits.** Provides that 20% of annual recordation tax revenue in excess of \$325 million shall be deposited into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

12/23/15 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100442D

12/23/15 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

02/03/16 Senate: Committee amendment

02/03/16 Senate: Continued to 2017 in Finance (12-Y 3-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 106 Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.**

*Patrons:* Dance, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Howell, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, McEachin, Saslaw, Surovell and Wexton

*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.

02/01/16 Senate: Reconsideration of defeated action agreed to by Senate (36-Y 4-N)

02/01/16 Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)

02/03/16 House: Placed on Calendar

02/03/16 House: Read first time

02/03/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 114 Plastic bags; tax imposed in Chesapeake Bay Watershed.**

*Patron:* Petersen

*Summary as introduced:*

**Plastic bag tax in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.** Imposes a five-cent per bag tax on plastic bags provided to customers by certain retailers in localities located wholly within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and directs revenues to be used to support the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. The bill also allows every retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax.

12/28/15 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100880D

12/28/15 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/16/16 Senate: Impact statement from TAX (SB114)

01/20/16 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (10-Y 5-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 129 Minimum wage; increases minimum wage from its current federally mandated level to \$8.00 per hour.**

*Patron:* Edwards

*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, 2016, to \$9.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017, and to \$10.10 per hour effective July 1, 2018, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act FLSA). The measure also provides that the Virginia minimum wage applies to persons whose employment is covered by the FLSA.

12/29/15 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101702D

12/29/15 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/12/16 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB129)

02/01/16 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (11-Y 4-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 143 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patron:* Edwards

*Summary as introduced:*

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

12/29/15 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101939D

12/29/15 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/26/16 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB143)

01/26/16 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB188-Miller) (13-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: Support

**SB 164 Consumer finance loans; rate of interest.**

*Patrons:* Surovell, Locke, Ebbin, Howell and McEachin

*Summary as introduced:*

**Consumer finance loans; rate of interest.** Caps the maximum rate of interest that a licensed consumer finance company may charge on any loan at 36 percent annually. The measure eliminates the existing provision that permits such licensees to charge any agreed-upon amount of interest on consumer finance loans over \$2,500. The measure also limits the late charge that a licensee may charge to the lesser of \$20 or five percent of the unpaid installment. Currently, such late charges may not exceed five percent of the unpaid installment. Finally, the measure extends the grace period that must elapse before a late charge may be assessed from seven to 10 calendar days.

01/12/16 Senate: Impact statement from SCC (SB164)

01/25/16 Senate: Committee substitute printed to Web only 16104729D-S1

01/25/16 Senate: Incorporates SB623

01/25/16 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Commerce and Labor (4-Y 9-N 1-A)

01/27/16 Senate: Impact statement from SCC (SB164S1)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 188 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patrons:* Miller, Barker, Edwards and Wexton

*Summary as introduced:*

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

01/29/16 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute SB188S1

02/01/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (33-Y 7-N)

02/03/16 House: Placed on Calendar

02/03/16 House: Read first time

02/03/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 189 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.

01/04/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102202D

01/04/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/12/16 Senate: Impact statement from SCC (SB189)

01/25/16 Senate: Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB54-Locke) (14-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support



**SB 299 Amber lights, flashing; allows publicly owned or operated transit buses to use.**

*Patrons:* Ebbin; Delegate: Villanueva

*Summary as introduced:*

**Amber lights on public transit buses.** Allows publicly owned or operated transit buses to use flashing amber lights.

01/26/16 Senate: Printed as engrossed 16100712D-E

01/27/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/03/16 House: Placed on Calendar

02/03/16 House: Read first time

02/03/16 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 320 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 65 or older.**

*Patrons:* Barker and McPike

*Summary as introduced:*

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

01/08/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102445D

01/08/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/26/16 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB320)

01/26/16 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB188-Miller) (13-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 413 Northern Va. Transportation Authority; use of population estimates in connection with decisions.**

*Patron:* Barker

*Summary as introduced:*

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.** Provides that the population criterion required for decisions of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority shall be the estimates, not the projections, made by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia and provides that the population estimates shall be adjusted once the estimates are available for July 1 of the fifth year after the decennial census. Under current law the population estimates are adjusted on July 1 of the fifth year, which requires them to use the previous year's data.

02/02/16 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB413)

02/02/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

02/05/16 House: Placed on Calendar

02/05/16 House: Read first time

02/05/16 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 477 Motor vehicle fuels; sales tax in certain transportation districts, price floor.**

*Patrons:* Wagner and Surovell; Delegates: Hester, Torian and Watts

*Summary as introduced:*

**Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor.** Places a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads by ensuring that the tax is not imposed on a sales price less than the statewide average sales price on February 20, 2013, which is the date used as a floor on the statewide motor vehicle fuels sales tax.

01/12/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16103951D  
01/12/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance  
01/29/16 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB477)  
**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 532 Paper and plastic bags; authorizes localities in Planning District 8 by ordinance to impose a tax.**

*Patrons:* Surovell and Ebbin

*Summary as introduced:*

**Planning District 8 paper and plastic bag tax.** Authorizes localities in Planning District 8 by ordinance to impose a tax of five cents on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags. Revenues from the local tax would be collected by the Tax Commissioner and distributed monthly to the county or city imposing the tax. The bill requires each county or city adopting an ordinance to impose the tax to provide a certified copy of the ordinance to the Tax Commissioner at least six months prior to the date the tax is to become effective.

01/13/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101966D  
01/13/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance  
01/25/16 Senate: Impact statement from TAX (SB532)  
01/26/16 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (12-Y 3-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 603 Absentee voting; no-excuse in-person available 21 days prior to election.**

*Patrons:* Howell and Favola

*Summary as introduced:*

**Absentee voting; no-excuse in-person available 21 days prior to election.** Allows for any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in person in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot. The bill makes absentee voting in person available beginning the twenty-first day prior to the election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding the election. The bill retains the current provisions for voting an absentee ballot by mail, including the application requirement and the list of statutory reasons.

01/29/16 Senate: Read second time and engrossed  
02/01/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (27-Y 13-N)  
02/03/16 House: Placed on Calendar  
02/03/16 House: Read first time  
02/03/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 623 Consumer finance loans; rate of interest.**

*Patron:* Locke

*Summary as introduced:*

**Consumer finance loans; rate of interest.** Caps the maximum rate of interest that a licensed consumer finance company may charge on any loan at 36 percent annually. The measure eliminates the existing provision that permits such licensees to charge any agreed-upon amount of interest on consumer finance loans over \$2,500.

01/15/16 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 16103452D  
01/15/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/19/16 Senate: Impact statement from SCC (SB623)

01/25/16 Senate: Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB164-Surovell) (13-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support

**SB 668 Minimum wage.**

*Patrons:* Favola and Dance

*Summary as introduced:*

**Minimum wage.** Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$10.00 per hour effective July 1, 2016, to \$13 per hour effective July 1, 2017, and to \$15 per hour effective July 1, 2018, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The measure also provides that the Virginia minimum wage applies to persons whose employment is covered by the FLSA.

01/19/16 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 16104511D

01/19/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/26/16 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB668)

02/01/16 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (12-Y 3-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**SJ 12 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote, restoration of civil rights.**

*Patron:* Dance

*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 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.

12/23/15 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101478D

12/23/15 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/19/16 Senate: Continued to 2017 in Privileges and Elections (12-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City Position: support