

Current Status of City Package Bills February 10, 2017

HB 1444 Minimum wage; increases minimum wage from its current federally mandated level.

Patrons: Rasoul, Boysko, Hayes, Heretick, Herring, Hester, Hope, Kory, Levine, Lindsey, McQuinn, Mullin, Plum, Price, Simon and Tyler; *Senators:* Dance, Ebbin, Edwards and Spruill
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, 2017, to \$12.50 per hour effective July 1, 2019, and to \$15.00 per hour effective July 1, 2021, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

01/24/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/08/17 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1462 Voter identification; accepted forms of identification.

Patrons: Sullivan and Kory; *Senator:* Favola

Summary as introduced:

Voter identification; accepted forms of identification. Adds to the list of acceptable forms of voter identification a valid student photo identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in any other state or territory of the United States. Current law allows students from any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth to use their student photo identification cards for purposes of voting.

01/17/17 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1593 Sales and use tax; personal hygiene products.

Patrons: Boysko, Plum, Bell, John J., Keam, Rasoul and Watts; *Senator:* McClellan

Summary as introduced:

Sales and use tax; personal hygiene products; "the dignity act." Exempts from sales and use tax toilet paper, adult diapers, and the following feminine hygiene products: sanitary napkins, tampons, sanitary towels, menstrual cups, and sanitary pads.

01/20/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/07/17 House: Left in Finance

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1603 Absentee voting; eligibility of certain caregivers.

Patron: Sullivan

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of certain caregivers. Entitles a person to vote absentee if the person is unable to go in person to the polls on the day of the election because he is primarily and personally responsible for the care of an ill or disabled individual who is confined at home.

Currently, such caregivers are entitled to vote absentee only if the ill or disabled individual who is confined at home is a family member of the caregiver.

01/17/17 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1631 Elections; early voting.

Patron: Sullivan

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.

01/17/17 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1682 Temporary driver's licenses; eligibility.

Patron: Bloxom

Summary as introduced:

Temporary driver's licenses; eligibility. Allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a temporary driver's license valid for one year to an applicant who is otherwise unable to be issued a driver's license due to immigration status if such applicant (i) has established residency in the Commonwealth, (ii) has filed an income tax return with the Commonwealth, (iii) has registered with the Department of Homeland Security, and (iv) either demonstrates proof of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy in force for the year the license is to be valid or pays the \$500 uninsured motorist fee.

01/23/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/07/17 House: Left in Transportation

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1771 Minimum wage.

Patrons: Plum, Aird, Boysko, Carr, Hayes, Heretick, Hester, Hope, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Mullin, Price, Rasoul, Simon, Sullivan, Torian, Tyler and Watts

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 January 1, 2018, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Effective January 1, 2020, the

minimum wage shall be adjusted biennially to reflect annual increases in the consumer price index over the two most recent calendar years. The measure also provides that the Virginia minimum wage applies to persons whose employment is covered by the FLSA.

01/24/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/08/17 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1818 Absentee voting; entitles persons age 65 or older on date of an election to vote absentee.

Patron: Hayes

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/17/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1819 Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.

Patron: Hayes

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.

01/17/17 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1857 Tuition, in-state; eligibility, certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency, etc.

Patrons: Lopez, Aird, Bagby, Bell, John J., Boysko, Bulova, Filler-Corn, Hayes, Heretick, Herring, Hester, Hope, James, Keam, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, McQuinn, Murphy, Plum, Price, Rasoul, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan, Torian, Toscano, Ward and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency; certain individuals approved under deferred action programs. Declares eligible for in-state tuition any individual who (i) attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education; (iii) registers as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education; (iv) provides an affidavit to the public institution of higher education in which he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled stating that he has filed an application to become a permanent resident of the United States and is actively pursuing such permanent residency or will do so as soon as he becomes eligible for such permanent residency; and (v) submits evidence to the institution at which he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled that he, or in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three

years prior to the date of registration as an entering student or enrollment. The bill provides that any such individual shall remain eligible for in-state tuition for as long as he maintains continuous enrollment in the public institution of higher education and his application for permanent residency has not been denied. The bill also prohibits any student who became eligible for in-state tuition as a result of his lawful presence in the United States pursuant to approval under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program or any other federal deferred action program from being deemed ineligible for in-state tuition by virtue of the elimination or modification of any such program.

02/01/17 House: Tabled in Education

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1866 Issuance of temporary licenses, permits, or special identification cards.

Patron: Lopez

Summary as introduced:

Issuance of temporary licenses, permits, or special identification cards; requirements.

Allows the issuance of a temporary driver's license, permit, or special identification card to an applicant presenting valid documentary evidence that a federal court or federal agency having jurisdiction over immigration has authorized the applicant to be in the United States for a period of at least 30 days from the date of application.

01/23/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/07/17 House: Left in Transportation

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1935 Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person available 21 days prior to election.

Patrons: Carr, Bell, John J., Boysko, Heretick, Hester, Hope, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, McQuinn, Mullin, Murphy, Plum, Price, Rasoul, Simon, Sullivan, Toscano and Watts; Senators: Howell, Lucas, McClellan and Wexton

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person available 21 days prior to election. Allows 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 a prior application for an absentee ballot

01/17/17 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 1983 School calendar; opening day of school year.

Patrons: Greason, Adams, Miller and LeMunyon

Summary as introduced:

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

01/27/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

02/09/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (9-Y 6-N)

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2020 Temporary driver's licenses, permits, or special identification cards; requirements for issuance.

Patron: Villanueva

Summary as passed House:

Issuance of temporary licenses, permits, or special identification cards; requirements.

Allows the issuance of a temporary driver's license, permit, or special identification card to an applicant presenting valid documentary evidence that a federal court or federal agency having jurisdiction over immigration has authorized the applicant to be in the United States for a period of at least 30 days from the date of application. The bill specifies which applicants are eligible for such license, permit, or card.

02/07/17 House: Read third time and passed House (70-Y 27-N)

02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2031 School calendar; opening day of the school year.

Patron: Adams

Summary as introduced:

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

01/23/17 House: Tabled in Education

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2068 Absentee voting; eligibility of persons with disabilities and persons 65 or older.

Patrons: Watts; Senator: McClellan

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons with disabilities and persons 65 or older. Entitles (i) persons with disabilities who are not reasonably able to go in person to the polls on election day and (ii) persons who will be 65 or older on election day to vote absentee. Current law allows persons with disabilities who are unable to go to the polls on election day to vote absentee.

01/17/17 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2091 Elections; early voting.

Patron: Kory (by request)

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 a 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 on the Saturday preceding the election. The bill removes the current provisions for voting absentee in person but retains those provisions for voting absentee by mail, including the application requirement and the list of statutory reasons that allow a registered voter to vote absentee by mail.

01/24/17 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2130 Motor vehicles; motor fuel sales tax in certain transportation districts.

Patron: Levine

Summary as introduced:

Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts. Provides that the tax that is imposed on the sales price of motor fuel in Northern Virginia shall be imposed on the regional price of gas, defined and computed as a six-month average price of fuel. The regional price has an initial floor of January 11, 2017. If a newly averaged regional price is higher than the preceding regional price, the tax is imposed on the new regional price, but if a newly averaged regional price is less than the preceding regional price, the higher of the two remains the regional price. If the regional price is at any time equal to or greater than the statewide average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline on February 20, 2013, then the tax is imposed on the regional price, which moving forward shall not be less than the statewide average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline on February 20, 2013, and shall not be more than a price of \$4 per gallon of unleaded regular gasoline. The bill also raises the rate of taxation of motor fuel in Northern Virginia from 2.1% to 3%. The bill also changes the regional gas tax in Hampton Roads from a percentage to a cents-per-gallon tax that decreases as the price of gas increases. The regional gas tax in Hampton Roads would have a floor of \$0.05 per gallon and a ceiling of \$0.14 per gallon and would be determined on the basis of the average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline.

01/25/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/07/17 House: Left in Finance

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2131 Libraries; assessment for costs in civil actions, disbursement for law libraries.

Patron: Levine

Summary as introduced:

Libraries; assessment for costs in civil actions; disbursement for law libraries. Increases from \$4 to \$7 the assessment a county, city, or town may make as part of the costs incident to each civil action filed in the courts located within its boundaries.

01/18/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/07/17 House: Left in Courts of Justice

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2180 Absentee voting; eligibility of certain persons.

Patrons: Sickles, Boysko, Hester, Hope, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Mullin, Plum, Rasoul, Simon and Torian; *Senators:* Ebbin, Howell and Spruill

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of certain persons. Entitles a person to vote absentee if he is unable to go in person to the polls on the day of the election because he is primarily and personally responsible for a child or for an ill or disabled individual who is confined at home.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2275 Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older.

Patron: Krizek

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/17/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2309 Minimum wage; increases wage to \$11 per hour effective July 1, 2017.

Patrons: Simon and Tyler

Summary as introduced:

Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from its current level of \$7.25 per hour to \$11 per hour effective July 1, 2017, and to \$15 per hour effective July 1, 2019, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Effective July 1, 2020, the minimum wage shall be adjusted annually to reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index over the most recent calendar year..

01/24/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/08/17 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2323 Public employment; inquiries by state agencies and localities regarding criminal convictions.

Patron: 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.

01/23/17 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #4

01/31/17 House: Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (2-Y 4-N)

02/08/17 House: Left in General Laws

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2344 Tuition, in-state; individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, etc.

Patron: Kory

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; domicile; individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

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

02/01/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations

Notes: City Position: support

HB 2410 Terrorist organization, designated; providing material support, penalty.

Patrons: Gilbert and Hope

Summary as passed House:

Providing support to terrorist organizations; penalty. Provides that any person who knowingly provides any material support to an individual or organization whose primary objective is to commit an act of terrorism and does so with the intent to further such objective is guilty of a Class 3 felony. If the providing of such material support results in the death of any person, the penalty is increased to a Class 2 felony. The bill also expands the definition of act of terrorism to include an act committed outside the Commonwealth that would meet the definition of an act of violence if such act was committed within the Commonwealth.

02/07/17 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (97-Y 0-N)

02/08/17 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City Position: support

HJ 540 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote.

Patrons: Simon, Bagby, Bell, John J., Boysko, Carr, Hayes, Hope, Kory, Levine, Plum, Price, Rasoul, Sickles and Tyler; *Senators:* Ebbin, Favola, Howell, Locke and Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote. Removes the disqualification from voting of persons convicted of felonies.

01/30/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HJ 542 Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters, executive clemency.

Patrons: Habeeb, Farrell, O'Bannon, Austin, Bell, Richard P., Fariss, Helsel, Jones, Marshall, D.W., Massie, Orrock, Peace, Ware and Webert; *Senator:* Vogel

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters and executive clemency. Provides that no person convicted of a felony shall be qualified to vote unless his civil rights have been restored. The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the process for the automatic restoration of the civil rights of a person who has been convicted of any felony, other than a violent felony, upon such person's completion of service of his sentence and any modification of that sentence,

including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of the sentence, and his payment in full of any restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed against him as a result of his conviction. The Governor retains the authority to remove the political disabilities, i.e., restore the civil rights, of persons convicted of a violent felony upon application by such persons and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law. No person convicted of a violent felony shall be eligible for the removal of his political disabilities until he has completed the payment in full of any restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed against him as a result of his conviction and at least two years have passed since he completed service of his sentence and any modification of his sentence, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

01/30/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HJ 581 Constitutional amendment; apportionment; criteria for electoral districts.

Patron: Sullivan

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; apportionment; criteria for electoral districts. Provides the criteria for electoral districts drawn by the General Assembly. The amendment directs that electoral districts are (i) to be composed of contiguous and compact territory, (ii) to be drawn utilizing existing political boundaries, and (iii) to be as nearly equal in population as is practicable but with variations in the size of districts permitted in order to comply with other reapportionment criteria.

01/30/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HJ 628 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Patrons: Plum, Boysko, Heretick, Hope, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Mullin, Price, Rasoul, Simon, Tyler and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Appointments to the 13-member Commission are to be made as follows: two each by the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the minority leader in each house, and the state chairman of each of the two political parties receiving the most votes in the prior gubernatorial election. The 12 partisan members then select the thirteenth member by a majority vote or, if they cannot agree on a selection, certify the two names receiving the most votes to the Supreme Court of Virginia, which will name the thirteenth member. The standards to govern redistricting plans include the current constitutional standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data.

01/30/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HJ 650 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights.

Patrons: Carr; Senator: McClellan

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, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law.

01/30/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HJ 651 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission.

Patrons: Carr and Hester

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission created. Provides for a temporary Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission (the Commission) to prepare redistricting plans in 2021 and each tenth year thereafter for the House of Delegates, Senate of Virginia, and congressional districts. The Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by majority vote of the Supreme Court of Virginia from a list of retired judges who have indicated their willingness to serve on the Commission. The resolution sets out the standards by which the Commission is required to draw district lines and the procedure for doing so. The resolution requires the Commission to submit the plan to the General Assembly as a bill and to review and make recommendations on any amendments made by the General Assembly or the Governor.

01/30/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HJ 694 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights.

Patrons: Watts, Boysko, Hayes, Hope, Kory, Levine, Lindsey, Plum, Rasoul and Simon;
Senators: Ebbin, Howell and Spruill

Summary as introduced:

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

01/30/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

HJ 749 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Patrons: Bell, John J., Boysko, Heretick, Kory, Levine, Plum, Rasoul, Simon and Watts;

Senator: Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the seven-member Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census of the United States. The Commission is directed to certify district plans for the General Assembly within 30 days of receipt of the new census data or by June 1 of the year following the census, whichever is earlier, and for the House of Representatives within 60 days of receipt of the census data or by July 1 of the year following the census, whichever is earlier. The amendment requires that districts be drawn using the Shortest Split methodology, which divides the geographic area of the Commonwealth into two halves of approximately equal population based on the official decennial census redistricting numbers, choosing the shortest possible dividing line to split the state. The division of halves shall continue until the required number of districts is achieved. The Commission is required to make adjustments to the resulting maps as may be necessary to achieve compliance with the requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and is authorized to make adjustments to the resulting maps so that district boundaries coincide with existing political boundaries and take into account geographic features.

01/30/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

Notes: City Position: support

SB 785 Minimum wage; increases to \$8.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017.

Patrons: Marsden; *Delegate:* Tyler

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, 2017, to \$9.00 per hour effective July 1, 2018, to \$10.10 per hour effective July 1, 2019, and to \$11.25 per hour effective July 1, 2020, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

01/16/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (11-Y 3-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 792 Absentee voting; entitles persons age 65 or older on date of an election to vote absentee.

Patrons: Ebbin and McClellan; *Delegate:* Kory

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/24/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (7-Y 7-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 826 Voter identification; accepted forms of identification.

Patrons: Wexton; *Delegate:* Kory

Summary as introduced:

Voter identification; accepted forms of identification. Adds to the list of accepted forms of identification for purposes of voting a valid identification card that contains a photograph of the voter and is issued by any private entity that is licensed or certified, in whole or in part, by the State Department of Health, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. An employee of any such private entity is currently permitted to use his employee identification card, if the card contains a photograph of the voter; the bill allows a resident or other person who receives services from such private entity to use a valid identification card issued by the private entity, provided that the card contains a photograph of the voter.

01/24/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (6-Y 8-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 827 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 70 or older.

Patrons: Wexton; *Delegate:* Kory

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 70 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 70 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/24/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB792-Ebbin) (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 844 Absentee voting; no-excuse in-person available 21 days prior to election.

Patrons: Howell, Favola and McClellan; *Delegates:* Kory and Tyler

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.

01/31/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (7-Y 7-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 845 Absentee voting; eligibility of certain caregivers.

Patrons: Howell, Ebbin, Favola and McClellan; *Delegates:* Hope, Kory, Levine and Sullivan

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of certain caregivers. Entitles a person to vote absentee if the person is unable to go in person to the polls on the day of the election because he is primarily and personally responsible for the care of an ill or disabled individual who is confined at home. Currently, such caregivers are entitled to vote absentee only if the ill or disabled individual who is confined at home is a family member of the caregiver.

02/03/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/08/17 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

02/08/17 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections

Notes: City Position: support

SB 882 Absentee voting; eligibility of any registered voter.

Patrons: Spruill; Delegate: Tyler

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of any registered voter. Allows any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he is qualified to vote. The bill removes the current list of statutory reasons for which a person may be entitled to vote by absentee ballot but retains the requirement to apply to vote absentee. The bill contains numerous technical amendments that consolidate existing provisions relating to absentee voting by uniformed and overseas voters and absentee voting by persons with a disability.

01/24/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 6-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 978 Minimum wage.

Patrons: Dance, Ebbin, Edwards, Howell, Locke, Lucas, Petersen and Spruill; Delegate: Tyler

Summary as introduced:

Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from its current level of \$7.25 per hour to \$10.00 per hour on July 1, 2017, to \$13 per hour on July 1, 2018, and to \$15 per hour on July 1, 2019, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

1/16/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (11-Y 2-N 1-A)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 979 Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.

Patrons: Dance, Ebbin, Howell, Locke, Lucas, McClellan, McPike, Spruill, Surovell and Wexton; Delegate: 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.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB844-Howell) (13-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1002 Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person available 21 days prior to election.

Patrons: Ebbin and Lewis; Delegate: Tyler

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person available 21 days prior to election. Allows 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 a prior application for an absentee ballot. Absentee voting in person will be available in the office of the general registrar or the secretary of the electoral board and may be available at additional locations if approved by the local electoral board. The period for absentee voting in person will begin on the twenty-first day prior to any election and will end on the Saturday immediately preceding the election.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB844-Howell) (13-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1014 Water public utilities; rate increases.

Patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Water public utilities; rate increases. Prohibits the State Corporation Commission (SCC) from authorizing a water public utility, including a small water utility, from increasing its approved rates, fees, or charges through the use of a surcharge for non-revenue-generating infrastructure replacement or a similar surcharge pursuant to which the utility utilizes an automatic rate adjustment feature to increase its rates, fees, or charges. The measure further provides that the rates, fees, and charges that the SCC has approved for a utility to charge its customers shall not be authorized to increase above the amounts specified in an order of the SCC unless the SCC specifically increases such amounts in an order entered by the SCC.

01/30/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (13-Y 2-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1016 Absentee voting; entitles persons 65 or older to vote absentee.

Patrons: Barker and McClellan

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/24/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB792-Ebbin) (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1092 Motor vehicle fuels; establishes a floor on sales tax imposed in Northern Virginia.

Patron: Petersen

Summary as introduced:

Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor. Establishes a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia by requiring that the average sales price upon which the tax is based be no less than the statewide average sales price on July 1, 2013.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Finance (SB1456-Wagner) (16-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1131 Absentee voting; eligibility of certain persons.

Patron: Mason

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of certain persons. Entitles a person to vote absentee if he is unable to go in person to the polls on the day of the election because he is primarily and personally responsible for a child or for an ill or disabled individual who is confined at home.

01/24/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 5-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1132 Absentee voting; entitles persons 65 or older to vote absentee.

Patron: Mason

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/24/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB792-Ebbin) (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1171 Public employment; inquiries by state agencies and localities regarding criminal convictions.

Patrons: Dance, Ebbin and McClellan; *Delegate:* Tyler

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.

01/27/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (22-Y 17-N)

01/31/17 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

02/06/17 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #4

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1200 Voter identification requirements; repeal of photo identification requirements.

Patron: Lewis

Summary as introduced:

Voter identification requirements; repeal of photo identification requirements. Repeals the requirement that voters show a form of identification containing a photograph in order to be allowed to vote. The bill requires a voter to show either his voter registration confirmation documents; his valid Virginia driver's license, his valid United States passport, or any other identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; any valid student identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth; any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business; or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of

the voter.

01/24/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 6-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1295 Early voting; any registered voter allowed to vote early in any election in which he is qualified.

Patron: Vogel

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 on the Saturday immediately preceding the election.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB844-Howell) (13-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1345 Driver privilege cards; issuance of new cards by DMV.

Patrons: Surovell and Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Driver privilege cards. Authorizes the issuance of new driver privilege cards by the Department of Motor Vehicles to an individual who has (i) reported income from Virginia sources on an individual tax return filed with the Commonwealth in the preceding 12 months and (ii) is not in violation of the insurance requirements of Article 8 (§ 46.2-705 et seq.) (Registration of Uninsured Motor Vehicles) of Chapter 6 of Title 46.2. The bill provides that driver privilege cards shall confer the same privileges and shall be subject to the same provisions as driver's licenses and permits; however, driver privilege cards shall not (a) confer voting privileges, (b) permit an individual to waive any part of the driver examination, or (c) be required to present proof of legal presence in the United States. The bill provides for the term "driver's license" to consistently refer to all driver's licenses, permits, driver privilege cards, and special identification cards issued by the Commonwealth or the comparable law of another jurisdiction. The bill allows the issuance of a limited-duration driver's license and special identification card to an applicant presenting valid documentary evidence that a federal court or federal agency having jurisdiction over immigration has authorized the applicant to be in the United States for a period of at least 30 days from the date of application. The bill authorizes the Tax Commissioner to provide to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles information sufficient to verify that an applicant for a driver privilege card or permit reported income from Virginia sources on an individual tax return filed with the Commonwealth in the preceding 12 months.

01/18/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Transportation (7-Y 6-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1407 Human trafficking identification and awareness training regulations.

Patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS); human trafficking identification and awareness training. Requires the DCJS to adopt regulations that make compulsory for all law-enforcement personnel DCJS training standards regarding sensitivity to and awareness of human trafficking offenses, the identification of human traffickers, and identification of and assistance for victims of human trafficking offenses. Current law requires such training only for personnel in criminal investigations or assigned to vehicle or street patrol duties. The bill also requires the DCJS to include such human trafficking identification and awareness training as part of the minimum training standards for school security and campus security officers.

01/30/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (9-Y 6-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1456 Motor vehicle fuels; sales tax in certain transportation districts, price floor.

Patrons: Wagner, Petersen, Ebbin and Lewis

Summary as passed Senate:

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 price that is less than the statewide average wholesale price of gasoline or diesel fuel on February 20, 2013, which is the date used as a floor on the statewide motor vehicle fuels sales tax.

02/03/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (26-Y 12-N)

02/08/17 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

Notes: City Position: support

SB 1567 Absentee ballots; eligibility of persons age 65 or older.

Patron: Peake

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older; photo identification requirement for certain absentee voters. Entitles a person who 65 or older to vote absentee.

01/31/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (7-Y 7-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 222 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote, restoration of civil rights.

Patrons: Locke and McClellan

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.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SJ223-Norment) (9-Y 5-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 223 Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters and executive clemency.

Patrons: Norment and Hanger

Summary as passed Senate:

Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters and executive clemency. Amends the authority of the Governor to remove the political disabilities of persons convicted of felonies, thus restoring their civil rights. Requires the Governor to automatically remove the political disabilities of a person convicted of a non-violent felony, who has completed service of his sentence, and has met any other conditions that may be set by the General Assembly. The Governor retains the discretion to remove the political disabilities of persons convicted of violent felonies. A person convicted of a violent felony shall become eligible for the removal of his political disabilities once he has completed (i) the payment in full of any restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed against him as a result of his conviction and (ii) service of his sentence, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, and at least five years have passed since he completed such payment and service of sentence without any new felony convictions or any misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude.

02/07/17 Senate: Read third time and agreed to by Senate (21-Y 19-N)

02/09/17 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

02/09/17 House: Assigned P & E sub: Campaigns

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 230 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Patrons: Sturtevant; Delegate: Kory

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission; criteria for legislative and congressional districts. Establishes the seven-member Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. The Commission is directed to certify district plans for the General Assembly within 30 days of receipt of the new census data or by June 1 of the year following the census, whichever occurs later, and for the House of Representatives within 60 days of receipt of the census data or by July 1 of the year following the census, whichever occurs later. The amendment also establishes the standards to govern redistricting plans, which include the current constitutional standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SJ231-Hanger) (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 231 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Patrons: Hanger, Deeds, Lewis, Sturtevant, Favola and Marsden; Delegate: Kory

Summary as passed Senate:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Virginia Redistricting Commission; criteria for legislative and congressional districts. Establishes the seven-member Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. The Commission is directed to certify district plans for the General Assembly within 30 days of receipt of the new census data or by June 1 of the year following the census, whichever occurs later, and for the House of Representatives within 60 days of receipt of the census data or by July 1 of the year following the census, whichever occurs later. The

amendment also establishes the standards to govern redistricting plans, which include the current standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data.

02/07/17 Senate: Read third time and agreed to by Senate (33-Y 7-N)

02/09/17 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

02/09/17 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 243 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights.

Patrons: Edwards; Delegate: Kory

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. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights to such persons.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SJ223-Norment) (9-Y 5-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 253 Constitutional amendment; qualifications of voters and executive clemency.

Patrons: Dance, Locke, Lucas, McClellan and Spruill; Delegate: Tyler

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications of voters and executive clemency. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the automatic restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences. The amendment retains the Governor's authority to restore the civil rights of persons convicted of violent felonies who have completed service of their sentences.

01/31/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (7-Y 7-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 269 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Patrons: Deeds and Marsden

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Appointments to the 13-member Commission are to be made as follows: two each by the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the minority leader in each house, and the state chairman of each of the two political parties receiving the most votes in the prior gubernatorial election. The 12 partisan members then select the thirteenth member by a majority vote or, if they cannot agree on a selection, certify the two names receiving the most votes to the Supreme Court of Virginia, which will name the thirteenth member. The standards to govern redistricting plans include the current constitutional standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SJ231-Hanger) (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 272 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights.

Patron: Hanger

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 any person who has been convicted of a felony not designated by the General Assembly as a barrier crime for these purposes and who has completed service of his sentence and paid in full any restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed against him as a result of his conviction.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SJ223-Norment) (9-Y 5-N)

Notes: City Position: support

SJ 289 Study; Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council; local government officers.

Patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Study; Virginia Conflict of Interest & Ethics Advisory Council; local government officers & employees; report. Directs the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council to study the procedures for the filing of disclosure forms by local government officers & employees.

02/02/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Rules with letter

Notes: City Position: support