

ACLU OF VIRGINIA

2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT-A-GLANCE

Calendar for the 2010 Session

January 13	General Assembly Convenes
January 22	Last day to file bills
February 17	Crossover (each chamber must only consider the opposite chamber's bills)
March 13	Sine Die (General Assembly adjourns)
April 21	Veto Session

To see the full Legislative Calendar for the 2010 session, visit http://dls.virginia.gov/pubs/calendar/cal2010_2.pdf

CALENDAR OF 2010 LOBBY DAYS

January 19, 2010: The Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO) Lobby Day:
For more information email: vacolao@aol.com or andrestobar@verizon.net
or call (703) 379-7487

January 19, 2010: Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy Lobby Day: Click here for more information: www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org

January 27, 2010: League of Women Voters League Day: Click here for more information: <http://virginia.va.lwvnet.org/index.html>.

February 2, 2010: Equality Virginia Lobby Day: Click here for more information: www.equalityvirginia.org.

February 11, 2010: Virginia Pro-Choice Coalition Lobby Day: Click here for more information: <http://www.ppaction.org/ppav/events/2010prochoicelobbyday/details.tcl>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ACLU of Virginia Legislative Website: Updated regularly during the session, go to www.acluva.org and click on "2010 General Assembly Session" for information on the legislature.

Legislative Information System: <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm> Check the current status of legislation, including a searchable database.

Virginia Online Legislature: <http://legis.state.va.us/> Not sure which House or Senate district you're in? Click on "Who's My Legislator" on the right side about half way down under Quick Links. Learn how to track a bill and follow the session. If you do not have Internet access you may contact us or your local voter registrar to determine your representatives.

Constituent Viewpoint Hotline: Leave a message for your senator and delegate stating your position on specific bills.	Phone: 1-800.889.0229
Legislative Information: For daily status updates of bills, committee meetings and General Assembly questions.	Phone: 804.698.1500
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Meets: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., House Room C

House Appropriations

Putney (Chair), Cox, M.K. (Vice), Sherwood, Lingamfelter, Scott, J.M., BaCote, Morgan, Poindexter, Joannou, Dance, Tata, Landes, Massie, Brink, Ingram, Jones, Abbitt, Ware, O., May, O'Bannon, Phillips, Howell, A.T.

Meets: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1/2 hour after adjournment, Appropriations Room

Commerce and Labor

Kilgore (Chair), Nixon (Vice), Cline, Joannou, Tyler, Morgan, Hugo, Miller, J.H., Alexander, McQuinn, Purkey, Janis, Merricks, McClellan, Byron, Rust, Loupassi, Ward, Ware, R.L., Marshall, D.W., Johnson, Lewis

Meets: Tuesday and Thursday, 1/2 hour after adjournment, House Room D

Counties, Cities and Towns

Ingram (Chair), Marshall, D.W. (Vice), Crockett-Stark, Morefield, Ware, O., Kory, Marshall, R.G., Lohr, Edmunds, Pollard, Torian, Oder, Poindexter, Stolle, McQuinn, Merricks, LeMunyon, Howell, A.T., Iaquinto, Knight, Spruill, Surovell

Meets: Friday, 8:30 a.m., House Room D

Courts of Justice

Albo (Chair), Athey (Vice), Bell, R., Miller, J.H., Armstrong, McClellan, Griffith, Cline, Loupassi, Barlow, Hope, Kilgore, Iaquinto, Villanueva, Watts, Gilbert, Cleaveland, Toscano, Janis, Peace, Johnson, Herring

Meets: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1/2 hour after adjournment, House Room C

Education

Tata (Chair), Landes (Vice), Athey, Greason, Alexander, Bulova, Pogge, Bell, D., Ebbin, Morrissey, Lingamfelter, Massie, Stolle, Ware, O., Rust, Loupassi, LeMunyon, McClellan, Cole, Gear, Shuler, Tyler

Meets: Monday, 9:00 a.m., House Room C and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Appropriations Room

Finance

Purkey (Chair), Hugo (Vice), Peace, Watts, Keam, Orrock, Cline, Greason, Lewis, Ware, R.L., Gear, Anderson, Armstrong, Byron, Marshall, R.G., Garrett, Pollard, Cole, Lohr, Johnson, Abbott

Meets: Monday, 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 1/2 hour after adjournment, House Room D

General Laws

Jones (Chair), Gear (Vice), Cosgrove, Peace, Barlow, Carr, Albo, Carrico, Comstock, Ward, Torian, Wright, Scott, E.T., Anderson, Dance, Oder, Iaquinto, Abbitt, Bulova, Gilbert, Phillips, James

Meets: Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, 1/2 hour after adjournment, House Room C

Health, Welfare and Institutions

Orrrock (Chair), O'Bannon (Vice), Nutter, Merricks, Sickles, Morrissey, Nixon, Peace, Bell, D., Ebbin, Hope, Crockett-Stark, Garrett, Howell, A.T., Bell, R., Pogge, Stolle, BaCote, Athey, Massie, Spruill, Englin

Meets: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m., House Room D

Militia, Police and Public Safety

Sherwood (Chair), Wright (Vice), Nutter, Cleaveland, Barlow, James, Griffith, Athey, Morefield, Shuler, Keam, Cline, Edmunds, Lewis, Carrico, Gilbert, Cox, J., Miller, P.J., Lingamfelter, Merricks, Scott, J.M., Tyler

Meets: Friday, 9:00 a.m., House Room C

Privileges and Elections

Cole (Chair), Cosgrove (Vice), Janis, Scott, J.M., Dance, Putney, O'Bannon, Hugo, Alexander, Spruill, Ingram, Bell, R., Gilbert, Joannou, Jones, Miller, J.H., Cox, J., Sickles, Albo, Landes, Phillips, Howell, A.T.

Meets: Friday, 9:30 a.m., Appropriations Room

Rules

Howell, W.J. (Chair), Griffith (Vice), Cox, M.K., Bell, R., Armstrong, Putney, Kilgore, Abbitt, Plum, Ware, R.L., Joannou, Alexander, Landes, Janis, Johnson

Meets: Tuesday, 4 p.m., Speaker's 6th Floor Conference Room

Science & Technology

Byron (Chair), Rust (Vice), Greason, Miller, P.J., Abbott, May, Cosgrove, Comstock, Toscano, Kory, Purkey, Nutter, Anderson, Englin, Marshall, R.G., Scott, E.T., LeMunyon, Herring, Nixon, Crockett-Stark, Watts, Surovell

Meets: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., House Room D

Transportation

May (Chair), Oder (Vice), Rust, Villanueva, Ebbin, Carr, Carrico, Hugo, Comstock, BaCote, Cosgrove, Scott, E.T., Garrett, Brink, Gear, Tata, Cox, J., Toscano, Knight, Ward, McQuinn

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Meets: Monday, 9:00 a.m., Senate Room B

Commerce and Labor

Saslaw (Chair), Colgan, Miller, Y.B., Wampler, Norment, Stosch, Edwards, Watkins, Wagner, Newman, Puckett, Puller, Herring, McEachin

Meets: Monday, ½ Hour after Adjournment, Senate Room B

Courts of Justice

Marsh (Chair), Saslaw, Quayle, Norment, Howell, Lucas, Edwards, Reynolds, Puller, Obenshain, McDougale, Deeds, Hurt (Two additional appointees TBD)

Meets: Monday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. Senate Room A

Education and Health

Houck (Chair), Saslaw, Lucas, Howell, Quayle, Martin, Newman, Edwards, Ruff, Whipple, Blevins, Locke, Barker, Northam, Miller, J.C.

Meets: Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Senate Room B

Finance

Colgan (Chair), Wampler, Stosch, Houck, Howell, Saslaw, Quayle, Norment, Hanger, Watkins, Miller, Y.B., Marsh, Lucas, Whipple, Reynolds

Meets: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m., Senate Room B; Thursday, 4 p.m., 10th Floor Conference Room; Upon the Call of the Chair

General Laws and Technology

Locke (Chair), Colgan, Houck, Wampler, Stosch, Martin, Ruff, Wagner, Herring, McEachin, Hurt, Petersen, Barker, Vogel, Miller, J.C., Marsden

Meets: Wednesday, 2:00 p.m., Senate Room B

Local Government

Lucas (Chair), Marsh, Quayle, Martin, Hanger, Ticer, Reynolds, Puller, Ruff, Obenshain, Herring, Locke, Smith, Stuart, Marsden

Meets: Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., Senate Room B.

Privileges and Elections

Howell (Chair), Martin, Deeds, Whipple, Obenshain, Puckett, Edwards, Blevins, McEachin, Petersen, Smith, Barker, Northam, Vogel, McWaters

Meets: Tuesday, 4:00 p.m., Senate Room A

Rehabilitation and Social Services

Puller (Chair), Miller, Y.B., Hanger, Ticer, Wagner, Locke, McDougale, Herring, Hurt, Barker, Northam, Vogel, Stuart, Miller, J.C., McWaters

Meets: Friday, 8:30 a.m., Senate Room B

Rules

Whipple (Chair), Colgan, Saslaw, Houck, Miller, Y.B., Howell, Marsh, Lucas, Ticer, Puller, Locke, Wampler, Quayle, Norment, Edwards, Puckett

Meets: Upon Call of the Chair, Senate Room A

Transportation

Miller, Y.B. (Chair), Houck, Marsh, Newman, Watkins, Puckett, Wagner, Blevins, Deeds, McDougale, Ticer, Petersen, Smith, Miller, J.C., McWaters, Marsden

Meets: Thursday, 2:00 p.m., Senate Room B

Grassroots Lobbyists Tips

General Assembly 2010

★ **Get Involved!** Find out who your legislators are and what they stand for, read the newspaper, volunteer in your community, and be aware of issues and how they affect you!

- The website for the **Virginia General Assembly** is: <http://legis.state.va.us/>. The website provides information about the General Assembly, legislation, and contact information for legislators and state offices.
- **Legislative Information System:** <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm> Check the current status of legislation, including a searchable database or call 804-698-1500.
- **Constituent Viewpoint Hotline:** 1-800-889-0229
- **Governor Robert McDonnell:** 804-786-3985
- **Lt. Governor William Bolling:** 804-786-2078
- **Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli:** 804-786-2071

★ **To Find your Legislator:**

- To find your Virginia General Assembly Legislator:
<http://conview.state.va.us/whosmy.nsf/main?openform>

★ **Emailing your Legislator:**

- Legislators read their email when they are personalized and clearly from a constituent.
- To find email addresses of Virginia General Assembly members:
<http://leg1.state.va.us/081/mbr/MBR.HTM>
- Insert a concise title into the subject line of the email such as, “Constituent Concern about HB 1011, Discrimination”
- Address emails to legislators in the following manner: The Honorable_____, District Address or General Assembly Address
- Start your letter with: “Dear Delegate_____” or “Dear Senator_____”

★ **Calling your Legislator:**

- House of Delegates Phone Number List:
<http://dela.state.va.us/dela/MemBios.nsf/MWebsiteTL?OpenView>
- Senate Phone List: <http://sov.state.va.us/SenatorDB.nsf/WSenatorsElect?OpenForm>
- Or you may call the general constituent phone line and leave a message to be relayed to your legislator: 1-800-889-0229 or 804-698-0229.

★ **In-Person Meetings with your Legislator:**

Before the Meeting:

- If not attending an organized event, call your legislator’s office to arrange a meeting with the legislator or the legislative staff.
- It is best to visit your legislator in small groups. Two to four constituents is ideal. Identify a spokesperson for the group.
- Develop an agenda to help keep you on track and limit the discussion to your most important one or two issues.
- Be prepared! Know the issue, the process, and your legislator’s voting records.
- When possible, bring a one page, typed statement detailing your position on the issue or legislation.

During the Meeting:

- Be prompt! Always be on time even though you should plan on waiting for your legislator to return from committee meetings, etc.
- Be brief. Do not try to cover too many issues. Make your point and move on. Expect to spend 15-30 minutes with your legislator.
- Make sure to leave your name, address, and telephone number on the one-pager or your business card. If you have a written description of your concerns, be sure to include your contact information on the paper.
- Be specific with what you want your legislator to do whether it is to sponsor legislation, vote yes or no, etc.

After the Meeting:

- Write a thank you letter expressing appreciation for the legislator's time and briefly review your position on the issue.
- Follow-up with the ACLU of Virginia about your visit!

Please contact the ACLU of Virginia if you have questions, comments, or need more specific information about legislation or your legislator. Thank you for your participation in the ACLU of Virginia's grassroots lobbyist program!

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