

# ACLU OF VIRGINIA

## 2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT-A-GLANCE

### Calendar for the 2011 Session

<b>January 12</b>	<b>General Assembly Convenes</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Last day to file bills</b>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>Crossover (each chamber must only consider the opposite chamber's bills)</b>
<b>February 26</b>	<b>Sine Die (General Assembly adjourns)</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Veto Session</b>

To see the full Legislative Calendar for the 2011 session, visit [http://dls.state.va.us/pubs/calendar/cal2011\\_2.pdf](http://dls.state.va.us/pubs/calendar/cal2011_2.pdf)

### CALENDAR OF 2011 LOBBY DAYS

January 17, 2011: Virginia CURE Advocacy Day. For more information: Call 703-765-6549 or email: [vacure1@cox.net](mailto:vacure1@cox.net)

January 18, 2011: The Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO) Lobby Day and the Virginia Interfaith Center Lobby Day. Click here for more information: <http://www.vacolao.org/> and <http://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=cdc1ebbe-1df5-4a92-a182-e2801731609a>

January 19, 2011: Equality Virginia's Lobby Day. Click here for more information: <http://www.equalityvirginia.org/>

January 27, 2011: Virginia Pro-Choice Lobby Day. Click here to register, <http://www.ppaction.org/site/Calendar?id=100254&view=Detail>

February 2, 2011: League of Women Voters of Virginia League Day. For more information, call 703-831-8595 or click here: <http://lwv-va.org>

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ACLU of Virginia Legislative Website: Updated regularly during the session, go to [www.acluva.org](http://www.acluva.org) and click on "2011 General Assembly Session" for information on the legislature.

Check the current status of legislation, including a searchable database on the Legislative Information System: <http://lis.virginia.gov/>

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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.

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### Commerce and Labor

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

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

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

### Finance

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*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

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### Militia, Police and Public Safety

Sherwood (Chair), Wright (Vice), Nutter, Cleaveland, Barlow, James, 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.

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### Rules

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*Meets: Tuesday, 4 p.m., Speaker's 6<sup>th</sup> 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

*Meets: Tuesday, 1/2 hour after adjournment and Thursday, 8:30 a.m., House Room C*

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## 2011 SENATE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

[Ticer \(Chair\)](#), Whipple, Hanger, Watkins, Reynolds, Puckett, Ruff, Blevins, Deeds, Obenshain, McDougale, McEachin, Petersen, Northam, Stuart

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

### Commerce and Labor

[Saslaw \(Chair\)](#), [Colgan](#), [Miller, Y.B.](#), Wampler, Norment, Stosch, Stolle, 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,

*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](#), [Stolle](#), [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., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room; Upon the Call of the Chair*

### General Laws and Technology

[Locke \(Chair\)](#), [Colgan](#), [Houck](#), [Wampler](#), Stosch, Martin, Ruff, Wagner, Herring, McEachin, Petersen, Barker, Vogel, Miller, J.C.

*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

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

### Privileges and Elections

[Howell \(Chair\)](#), Martin, Stolle, Deeds, Whipple, Obenshain, Puckett, Edwards, Blevins, McEachin, Petersen, Smith, Barker, Northam, Vogel

*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.

*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, Stolle, 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.

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

# Grassroots Lobbyists Tips

## General Assembly 2011

★ **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://lis.virginia.gov/> Check the current status of legislation, including a searchable database or call 804-698-1500.
- **Constituent Viewpoint Hotline:** 1-800-889-0229
- **Governor Bob 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://lis.virginia.gov/111/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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