

ACLU OF VIRGINIA

2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT-A-GLANCE

Calendar for the 2012 Session

January 11	General Assembly Convenes
January 20	Last day to file bills
February 14	Crossover (each chamber must only consider the opposite chamber's bills)
March 10	Sine Die (General Assembly adjourns)
April 18	Veto Session

To see the full Legislative Calendar for the 2012 session: <http://dls.state.va.us/pubs/calendar/WELCOME.HTM>

CALENDAR OF 2012 LOBBY DAYS

January 16, 2012: Virginia CURE Advocacy Day. For more information: (703) 272-3624 or visit: <http://www.vacure.org/contact/>

January 17, 2012: The Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO) Lobby Day and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy Lobby Day. Visit: <http://www.vacolao.org> and <http://virginiainterfaithcenter.org/GetInvolved/UpcomingEvents/AdvocacyDay.aspx>

January 24, 2012: Equality Virginia's Lobby Day. Visit: <http://www.equalityvirginia.org>

January 24, 2012: The Alliance for Progressive Values Lobby Day. Visit: www.apvonline.org

February 1, 2012: League of Women Voters of Virginia League Day. For more information, (757) 541-8598 or visit: <http://lwv-va.org>

February 23, 2012: Virginia Pro-Choice Coalition Day of Action. Contact Katherine Greenier at kgreenier@acluva.org or 804-644-8080.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ACLU of Virginia Legislative Website: Updated regularly during the session, go to www.acluva.org and click on “2012 General Assembly Session” under “FYI” for information on the legislature.

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

Virginia Online Legislature: <http://legis.state.va.us/> Not sure which House or Senate district you're in? Click on “Who’s My Legislator” near the top under the picture of the Capitol. If you do not have Internet access you may contact us or your local voter registrar to determine your representatives. You can also learn how to track a bill and follow the session.

Looking for your members of Congress? Contact us or your local voter registrar, or go to www.house.gov for the U.S. House of Representatives and www.senate.gov for the U.S. Senate.

Constituent Viewpoint Hotline: Leave a message for your senator and delegate stating your position on specific bills.	Phone: 800.889.0229
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Meets: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., House Room C

Appropriations

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

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

Commerce and Labor

Kilgore (Chair), Purkey, Byron, Ware, R.L., Hugo, Rust, Marshall, D.W., Cline, Miller, Merricks, Loupassi, Cosgrove, Bell, Robert B., Comstock, Habeeb, Johnson, Joannou, Alexander, McClellan, Ward, Lewis, Tyler

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

Counties, Cities and Towns

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

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

Courts of Justice

Albo (Chair), Kilgore, Bell, Robert B., Cline, Iaquinto, Gilbert, Miller, Loupassi, Villanueva, Habeeb, Farrell, Minchew, Morris, Johnson, Watts, Toscano, Herring, McClellan

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

Education

Tata (Chair), Landes, Lingamfelter, Rust, Cole, Pogge, Massie, Greason, Bell, Richard P., Stolle, LeMunyon, Robinson, Yost, Yancey, Dudenhefer, Alexander, Ware, O., McClellan, Tyler, Bulova, Morrissey, Keam

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

Finance

Purkey (Chair), Orrock, Ware, R.L., Byron, Cole, Hugo, Cline, Marshall, R.G., Anderson, Garrett, Villanueva, Pogge, Bell, Richard P., O'Quinn, Head, Johnson, Watts, Lewis, Englin, Keam, James, Carr

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

General Laws

Jones (Chair), Albo, Wright, Iaquinto, Gilbert, Peace, Anderson, Greason, Knight, LeMunyon, Cox, J.A., Helsel, Farrell, Watson, Rush, Ward, Dance, Bulova, James, Carr, Torian, McQuinn

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

Health, Welfare and Institutions

Orrock (Chair), O'Bannon, Bell, Robert B., Peace, Crockett-Stark, Pogge, Merricks, Bell, Richard P., Garrett, Stolle, Robinson, Helsel, Yost, Ransone, Hodges, Spruill, Sickles, Howell, A.T., BaCote, Englin, Morrissey, Hope

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

Militia, Police and Public Safety

Lingamfelter (Chair), Sherwood, Wright, Cline, Gilbert, Merricks, Morefield, Edmunds, Wilt, Webert, Morris, Fariss, O'Quinn, Head, Rush, Lewis, Tyler, Filler-Corn, Hope, Surovell, Kory, Lopez

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

Privileges and Elections

Cole (Chair), Putney, Ingram, Jones, Albo, Cosgrove, O'Bannon, Bell, Robert B., Miller, Landes, Hugo, Cox, J.A., Ramadan, Ransone, O'Quinn, Scott, J.M., Alexander, Joannou, Sickles, Howell, A.T., Dance, Spruill

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

Rules

Howell, W.J. (Chair), Putney, Landes, Cox, M.K., Kilgore, Ware, R.L., Sherwood, Jones, Orrock, Gilbert, Knight, Joannou, Johnson, Plum, Alexander

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

Science & Technology

Byron (Chair), May, Purkey, Marshall, R.G., Rust, Cosgrove, Scott, E.T., Crockett-Stark, Comstock, Anderson, Robinson, Helsel, Ramadan, Watson, Dudenhefer, Watts, Toscano, Plum, Herring, Surovell, Kory, Lopez

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

Transportation

May (Chair), Cosgrove, Rust, Hugo, Scott, E.T., Tata, Villanueva, Comstock, Garrett, Cox, J.A., Habeeb, Anderson, Minchew, Yancey, Dudenhefer, Ward, BaCote, Brink, Toscano, McQuinn, Carr, Filler-Corn

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

Commerce and Labor

Watkins (Chair), Colgan, Saslaw, Miller, Y.B., Norment, Stosch, Edwards, Wagner, Newman, Puckett, Herring, Martin, Obenshain, Stuart, McWaters, Stanley

Meets: Monday, 1/2 hour after Adjournment, Senate Room B

Courts of Justice

Norment (Chair), Saslaw, Marsh, Howell, Lucas, Edwards, Puller, Obenshain, McDougle, McEachin, Stuart, Vogel, Stanley, Reeves, Garrett

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

Education and Health

Martin (Chair), Saslaw, Lucas, Howell, Newman, Blevins, Locke, Barker, Northam, Miller, J.C., Smith, McWaters, Black, Carrico, Garrett

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

Finance

Stosch (Chairman), Colgan, Howell, Saslaw, Norment, Hanger, Watkins, Miller, Y.B., Marsh, Lucas, Newman, Ruff, Wagner, McDougle, Vogel

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

Ruff (Chair), Colgan, Stosch, Martin, Locke, Herring, Petersen, Barker, Vogel, Stuart, Black, Reeves, Garrett, Deeds, Ebbin

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

Local Government

Smith (Chair), Marsh, Lucas, Martin, Hanger, Puller, Ruff, Herring, Locke, Marsden, Stanley, Blevins, Miller, J.C., Ebbin, Favola

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

Privileges and Elections

Obenshain (Chair), Howell, Martin, Deeds, Puckett, Edwards, McEachin, Petersen, Smith, Northam, Vogel, McWaters, Carrico, Reeves, Garrett

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

Rehabilitation and Social Services

Wagner (Chair), Miller, Y.B., Puller, Hanger, Locke, McDougle, Herring, Barker, Northam, Black, Carrico, Reeves, Favola, Norment, Stosch

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

Rules

McDougle (Chair), Stosch, Norment, Martin, Hanger, Newman, Watkins, Ruff, Wagner, Obenshain, Smith, Colgan, Saslaw, Howell, Lucas, Vogel

Meets: Upon Call of the Chair, Senate Room A

Transportation

Newman (Chair), Miller, Y.B., Marsh, Watkins, Puckett, Wagner, Blevins, Deeds, McDougle, Smith, Marsden, McWaters, Colgan, Carrico, Favola

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Grassroots Lobbyists Tips General Assembly 2012

★ **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://dele.state.va.us/dele/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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