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2026 VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS GUIDE



This year YOU have the opportunity to protect Reproductive Freedom, Marriage Equality & Voting Rights at the ballot box!

QUESTION 1: VOTE YES

PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

BALLOT QUESTION:

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

WHAT SUPPORTERS SAY:

- Your health care decisions should be made by you and your doctor, not politicians.
- This protects doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for providing or recieving reproductive care.
- Your rights should not change every time a new party takes power.
- The amendment will protect care when a pregnancy is dangerous or not viable.

Vote YES on 1 to protect access to prenatal care, childbirth care, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage care, and fertility treatment.

QUESTION 2: VOTE YES
PROTECT MARRIAGE EQUALITY

BALLOT QUESTION:

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

WHAT SUPPORTERS SAY:

- Marriage is about love, family, and legal protection.
- Virginia's Constitution still has an old ban on same-sex marriage. This removes it.
- Question 2 protects both same-sex and interracial marriages and treats all legal marriages the same.
- This protects all marriages even if the U.S. Supreme Court once again overturns long standing protections.

Vote YES on 2 to make sure all families are protected equally under Virginia's Constitution

QUESTION 3: VOTE YES
PROTECT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO VOTE

BALLOT QUESTION:

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

WHAT SUPPORTERS SAY:

- Voting is a basic right in a democracy. Everyone in a society should have a voice at the ballot box,
- Right now in Virginia, people with felony convictions lose their right to vote forever, unless the governor restores it.
- Question 3 restores voting rights automatically when a person finishes their sentence.
- It also makes sure people do not lose voting rights just because of a disability unless a court clearly decides they cannot understand voting.

Vote YES on 3 to make voting fair for everyone and restore voting rights.

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