

# State Government Affairs Update

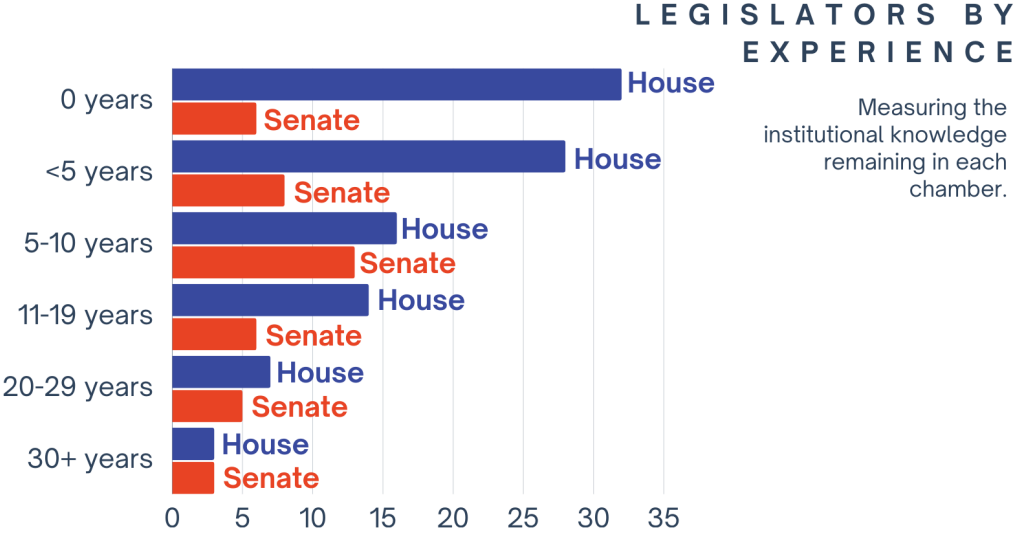
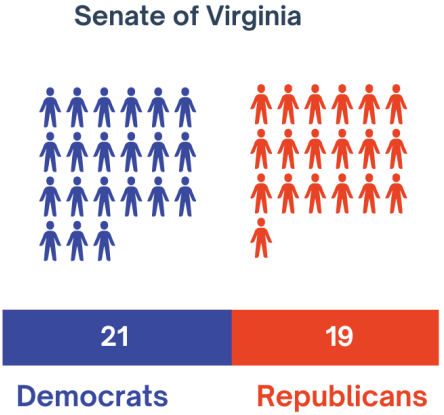
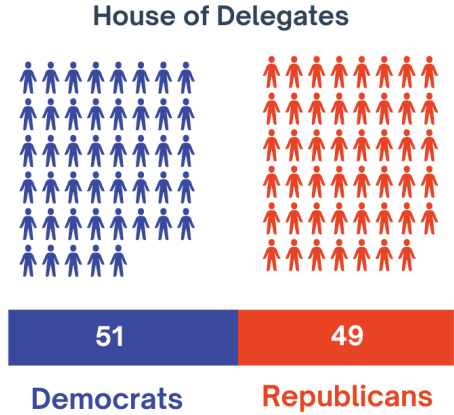
## 2024 General Assembly Session



# 2024 General Assembly Session – Key Dates

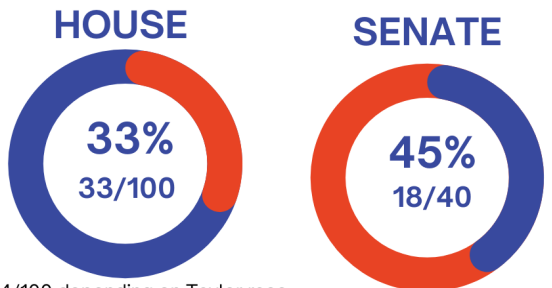
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>	Session convenes
<b>Friday, January 19</b>	Last day to introduce bills and certain joint resolutions
<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>	Crossover (last day for each house to act on its own legislation, except Budget Bills)
<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	House Appropriations and Senate Finance & Appropriations Committees to complete action on Budget Bills
<b>Monday, March 4</b>	Last day for committee action on remaining bills
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	Last day to act on remaining bills and appoint conferees
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	Session adjourns sine die
<b>Monday, April 8</b>	Last day for Governor's action on legislation
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	Reconvened or "Veto" session
<b>Monday, July 1</b>	Effective date of enacted legislation

# 2024 General Assembly - Landscape



### NEW LEGISLATORS BY CHAMBER

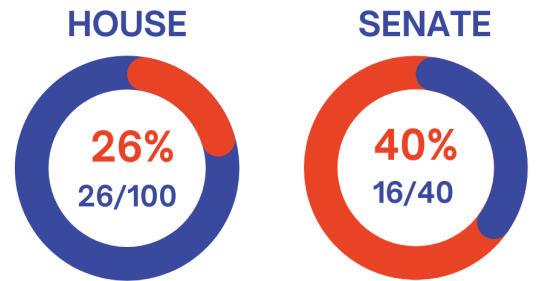
An overview of the proportion of legislators new to their seat or chamber.



\*\*34/100 depending on Taylor race

### VPRA SUPPORTERS IN OFFICE

The number of legislators remaining after the 2023 General Election who voted for VPRA's founding legislation in 2020 (HB1414/SB890).



\*\*Note: Numbers have increased due to House members winning Senate seats and returning legislators.



# State Government Affairs Update

## HB1425– Austin

Exempts VPRA's tunnels and bridges from DGS/DHCD building & fire codes intended for occupied buildings 2 (33.2-293) (36-98.1)

- Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) and Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) apply to horizontal "structures"
- In 2005, VDOT obtained statutory exemptions from both USBC and SFPC for roadway tunnels and bridges
- This bill is extremely important as VPRA begins its large capital construction program, we need clarity with respect to state governmental permitters

# State Government Affairs Update

## “Long Session”

- In even years, the legislature meets for 60 days

## Legislative Priorities

- Securing passage of our legislation
- Monitoring and vetting all introduced legislation for potential impacts on the organization, business operations, and projects
- Educating and informing members about VPRA and our projects
- Building relationships with members, especially those with projects in their communities

## VPRA Legislative Review Team

- Activating the expertise and knowledge base within the organization, ensuring we properly vet bills for unintended consequences

# QUESTIONS?

Gerica Goodman, Director of External Affairs and Communications  
[gerica.goodman@vpra.virginia.gov](mailto:gerica.goodman@vpra.virginia.gov)

Courtney Baytop, External Affairs and Communications Senior Assistant  
[courtney.baytop@vpra.virginia.gov](mailto:courtney.baytop@vpra.virginia.gov)