

EV EQUALITY VIRGINIA

2021 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD: LGBTQ ISSUES AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

We at Equality Virginia are pleased to offer you our 2021 Legislative Scorecard, a brief but comprehensive summary of all of the work that has been accomplished this year to advance LGBTQ lived equality. As an organization, we are invested in building a fully inclusive Commonwealth by educating, empowering, and mobilizing Virginians to ensure all LGBTQ people can lead dignified and liberated lives. Just one of the ways we do this year after year is through legislative advocacy at the Virginia General Assembly, and this year - despite the circumstances - was no exception. Along with our supporters, organizational partners, and community leaders, we achieved yet another impressive set of victories that will have real and lasting impacts on the lives of LGBTQ people in Virginia. It is our hope that this scorecard will provide some insight into what our policy advocacy work looked like during an all-digital session, and will serve as both a record of our community's successes and a source of motivation for the work that is to come.



During the 2021 General Assembly session, we built upon all the amazing work accomplished for LGBTQ equality last year, and continued to advocate for members of our community on new issues and in new ways. While the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic prevented us from gathering in-person at the Capitol, we were able to engage and connect with supporters from far and wide who may not have been able to travel to Richmond under usual conditions. With the tireless efforts of advocates and community members, from emailing lawmakers to testifying in committee, we were able to make Virginia the first state in the South to modernize antiquated HIV laws and ban the use of the unjust LGBTQ “panic” defense. In addition to these significant advancements, we also: established an LGBTQ advisory board, updated the Older Americans Act to include LGBTQ elders, created a legal pathway to parenthood for unmarried LGBTQ couples, extended nondiscrimination protections to domestic workers and disabled people, and took the first step toward removing the anti-marriage amendment from Virginia's constitution.

Navigating an unprecedented virtual legislative session was no small task, and it would not have been even remotely possible without multitudes of advocates, allies, community leaders, and partner organizations stepping up and investing their time, energy, and resources into moving this work forward. Every email, phone call, public comment, and spoken testimony was essential to persuading legislators and securing further protections for our community. We cannot thank you enough for all that you have done and continue to do to ensure that true, lived equality for all LGBTQ Virginians becomes a reality.

We would also like to extend thanks to Governor Northam and all of the pro-equality legislators who continue to draft and pass policy that supports, affirms, and protects the LGBTQ community. However, with each year's advancements there are an equal number of opportunities for change that still remain. We hope that you will continue to dive deeper into this work with us as we seek to prioritize and respond to the needs of community members who face the greatest barriers, specifically Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Middle Eastern and North African, Asian, and Pacific Islander LGBTQ Virginians. Together, we can build a Virginia where all LGBTQ people are truly free to live, love, learn, and work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vee', written in a cursive style.

Vee Lamneck, MSW (they/them)
Executive Director
Equality Virginia

SENATE BILL 1138 - HIV MODERNIZATION OVERVIEW

At the center of Equality Virginia's legislative work this year was the push for HIV law modernization. Before the 2021 Virginia General Assembly session, Virginia code stipulated that people living with HIV could be charged with infected sexual battery, a Class 6 Felony. This law perpetuated the stigma surrounding HIV, and put people at risk of criminalization and incarceration for simply living with HIV. The provisions of the "infected sexual battery" clause ignored current science and medical advancements around HIV and its treatment, and allowed people living with HIV to be charged with a felony if they engaged in any sexual activity with the "potential for transmission". Due to its outdated nature, this law threatened to ensnare people in the legal system even if they were participating in consensual sexual activity and were using preventative measures such as antiretroviral medications that render HIV untransmittable, as well as barrier protection methods such as condoms. Even those who did not actually end up transmitting HIV to their partner at all were at risk of prosecution under this law.

This law posed a distinct threat to a significant number of Virginians in more ways than one. For instance, the previous law could only be applied to those who knew they were living with HIV, and so the ever-present threat of criminalization deterred many people from finding out their HIV status. The law also made it difficult for people living with HIV to trust healthcare institutions due to the possibility of harmful stigma and reporting practices. For both of these reasons, the former law severely undermined public health and discouraged people with HIV from seeking life-saving healthcare, and was not shown to actually decrease the rate of HIV diagnosis in Virginia. Additionally, Black and Latinx Virginians living with HIV, especially Black transgender women, were being disproportionately targeted and harmed by this law. Therefore, Equality Virginia knew we needed to join the fight to change the HIV law in Virginia.

EV joined in coalition with Ending Criminalization of HIV and Overincarceration in Virginia (ECHO-VA), Positive Women's Network-USA, and The Sero Project in order to address this issue through the state-level legislative process. Their efforts spurred the creation of Senate Bill (SB) 1138, sponsored by Senators Mamie Locke and Jennifer McClellan, which sought to do three things: remove forcible HIV testing mandates for convicted sex workers and drug users, modernize the provisions that apply to people living with HIV who donate blood, tissue, and/or organs, and repeal the infected sexual battery clause entirely. The bill narrowly made it through the Senate Judiciary Committee with a 7-YES, 5-NO, and 2-ABSTAIN vote, and then incurred an amendment on the Senate floor that brought the infected sexual battery penalty back up to a misdemeanor. SB 1138 passed the Senate 21-YES to 17-NO, and moved on to the House.

Senate Bill 1138 was assigned to the House Courts Criminal subcommittee, where it passed 6-YES to 1-NO, and then advanced to the House Courts of Justice committee, passing by a vote of 14-YES to 8-NO. Unfortunately, the bill was drastically altered again on the House floor, incurring an amendment that brought the infected sexual battery charge back up to a Class 6 felony. Although the burden of proof was raised so that it would be harder to charge people living with HIV unless they had specific intent to transmit and in fact did do so, the felony penalty still perpetuates stigma, threat, and harm to Virginians living with HIV and must be reduced or repealed.

This bill still created significant progress in HIV law in Virginia, thanks to the effort and expertise of Deirdre Johnson, Cedric Pulliam, Breanna Diaz, Tyler Barbarin, Tami Haught, and Kamaria Laffrey. Without them, these advancements may not have been made, and certainly would not have been as community-informed. We at Equality Virginia are grateful to them for their work, and know that the fight is far from over. We hope that our supporters will join us as we continue to educate and push for change in Virginia's HIV laws in order to create a Commonwealth in which all Virginians can feel safe, dignified, and valued.

2021 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



On the following pages, you will find the data for the 2021 installment of our legislative scorecard. This detailed set of data compiles the voting records of all state senators and delegates as they pertain to Equality Virginia's key bills for the 2021 General Assembly session, which ran from January 13th to March 1st, 2021. This scorecard serves as a resource to both educate about the political inclinations of our lawmakers, as well as hold these representatives accountable for their policy decisions regarding LGBTQ lived quality in the Commonwealth.

This year's scorecard appears similar to last year's in its format and design, but there are changes that readers should be aware of, as well. The overall score calculation remains the same: each legislator receives an overall score based on the percentage of key bills that they voted YES on during session. Therefore, each overall score represents the number of points earned out of 100 possible points. Legislators are listed in order of their scores, from highest to lowest. Bills are listed from left to right in the same order that they appear on the 2021 Bill Tracker tab on Equality Virginia's website. This year, there were 14 total bills that Equality Virginia supported at the General Assembly, but three of them never passed on the Senate Floor. This also means that the scores in the House of Delegates were calculated out of 14 voting opportunities, whereas the senators' scores are based on only 11 voting opportunities. Only final floor votes are included in the scorecard, and identical House and Senate companion bills can be found next to each other under the same topic heading in the charts.

Since Equality Virginia's list of key bills only included pro-equality legislation, a YES vote is considered a pro-equality vote and is represented by a check mark in the box that corresponds to the legislator and the bill. NO votes are anti-equality votes, and are signified in the scorecard with an ⊖. In the case that a legislator did not cast any vote for a bill, the box will contain the letters NV, which stands for "not voting". NV counts as the absence of a YES vote and results in a deduction of points no matter the reason for the lack of voting.

To further organize the data, the scorecard is colored-coded according to different general levels of scores. Darker purple signifies a score closer to 100, and lighter purple indicates a score further from 100. During the 2021 session, all legislators voted YES on at least one bill, and so there are no scores of zero and therefore no absence of color at the bottom of the scorecard. Scores below 20 are color-coded as a very pale purple, scores that fall between 20 and 49 are a light purple, scores between 50 and 99 are presented in medium purple, and legislators with a perfect score of 100 are color-coded in dark purple - representing our pro-equality champions!

2021 PRO-EQUALITY HOUSE BILLS



HB 2132 Panic Defense Ban: Prohibits the use of the harmful and discriminatory LGBTQ panic defense, a legal strategy that attempts to excuse a perpetrator's actions by using their victim's gender identity or sexual orientation as a reason for the perpetrator's violent action or reaction.

HJ 582 Marriage Equality Amendment: The first step in a two-year process to repeal the ban on same-sex marriage in Virginia's constitution and add new language that affirms the right to marry for all Virginians.

HB 1805 Older Americans Act: Updates Virginia's implementation of the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) to designate LGBTQ older adults as a population with "greatest social need" and increase access to vital aging services and resources.

HB 1864 Domestic Workers' Rights: Extends equal rights and nondiscrimination protections to domestic workers by expanding the definition of "employer" in the Virginia Human Rights Act to include employers of domestic workers.

HB 1848 Disability Nondiscrimination Protections: Adds nondiscrimination protections for disabled people to the Virginia Human Rights Act.

HB 2130 LGBTQ+ Advisory Board: Establishes a 26-member board to advise the Governor on issues regarding economic, professional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between the Commonwealth and the LGBTQ community in Virginia.

* **HB 1932 Conscience Clause Repeal:** Prevents any private child-placing agencies that receive government funding from discriminating against prospective foster or adoptive parents on the basis of the agency's religious or moral beliefs or policies.

* **HB 2155 Workplace Harassment Ban:** Makes it unlawful for employers to engage in harassment of employees within the workplace, including sexual harassment.

* **HB 1948 Police Misconduct:** Reforms policing practices by mandating that officers render aid to anyone they witness experiencing serious, life-threatening injuries or conditions. Also requires officers to report the wrongdoing of another officer and outlines disciplinary procedures if they fail to do so, as well as expands the legal definition of bias-based profiling to include sexual orientation and gender identity.

* Please note that these bills did not make it to the senate floor for a vote. These bills will not become law in 2021.

2021 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD - HOUSE

HOUSE	Panic Defense Ban	HIV Modernization	Marriage Amendment		Older Americans Act		Conscience Clause Repeal	Confirmatory Adoption	Workplace Harrassment	Domestic Workers' Rights		Disability Discrimination	LGBTQ+ Advisory Board	Police Misconduct	OVERALL SCORE
	HB 2132	SB 1138	SJ 270	HJ 582	SB 1366	HB 1805	HB 1932	SB 1321	HB 2155	SB 1310	HB 1864	HB 1848	HB 2130	HB 1948	
Adams, D. (D-68)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Aird (D-63)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Askew (D-85)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Ayala (D-51)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Bagby (D-74)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Bourne (D-71)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Cole, J. (D-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Convirs-Fowler (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Delaney (D-67)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Filler-Corn (D-41)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Gooditis (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Guy (D-83)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Guzman (D-31)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hayes (D-77)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Helmer (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Heretick (D-79)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Herring (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hudson (D-57)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hurst (D-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Jones (D-89)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Keam (D-35)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Kory (D-38)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Krizek (D-44)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Levine (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Lopez (D-49)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McQuinn (D-70)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Mugler (D-91)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Mullin (D-93)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Mundon King (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Murphy (D-34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Plum (D-36)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Price (D-95)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Rasoul (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100

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Reid (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Roem (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Samirah (D-86)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Scott (D-80)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Sickles (D-43)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Simon (D-53)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Simonds (D-94)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Subramanyam (D-87)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Sullivan (D-48)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Torian (D-52)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Tran (D-42)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
VanValkenburg (D-72)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Ward (D-92)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Watts (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Willett (D-73)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Bulova (D-37)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92
Carr (D-69)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92
Hope (D-47)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92
Williams Graves (D-90)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	92
Jenkins (D-76)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	85
Tyler (D-75)	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	85
Carter (D-50)	NV	NV	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	71
Coyner (R-62)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	✓	✓	71
Robinson (R-27)	✓	∅	✓	✓	✓	✓	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	✓	✓	64
Davis (R-84)	✓	∅	✓	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	35
Hodges (R-98)	∅	∅	✓	✓	✓	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	35
Avoli (R-20)	∅	∅	✓	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	28
Edmunds (R-60)	✓	∅	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	28
Bloxom (R-100)	∅	∅	✓	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	NV	NV	∅	21
Fariss (R-59)	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	✓	NV	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	21
Austin (R-19)	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	NV	14
Batten (R-96)	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	14
Brewer (R-64)	NV	∅	NV	NV	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	14
Campbell, J. (R-6)	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	∅	✓	∅	∅	14

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Cox (R-66)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Head (R-17)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Kilgore (R-1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	NV	✓	0	0	14
Knight (R-81)	0	0	0	NV	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Leftwich (R-78)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Marshall (R-14)	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
McGuire (R-56)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Morefield (R-3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
O'Quinn (R-5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Orrock (R-54)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Rush (R-7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Wampler (R-4)	0	0	0	NV	0	0	NV	✓	NV	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Webert (R-18)	NV	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Wiley (R-29)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	0	0	14
Adams, L. (R-16)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Bell, R. (R-58)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Byron (R-22)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Campbell, R. (R-24)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Cole, M. (R-88)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Fowler (R-55)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Freitas (R-30)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Gilbert (R-15)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
LaRock (R-33)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
McNamara (R-8)	0	0	NV	NV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Miyares (R-82)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Poindexter (R-9)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Ransone (R-99)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Runion (R-25)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Walker (R-23)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Ware (R-65)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Wilt (R-26)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Wright (R-61)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7
Wyatt (R-97)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	7

2020 PRO-EQUALITY SENATE BILLS

SB 1138 HIV Modernization: Updates current law by making the language scientifically up-to-date surrounding HIV and its transmission, removing coercive testing requirements, and brings HIV in line with other sexually transmitted infections in terms of potential legal ramifications.

SJ 270 Marriage Equality Amendment: The first step in a two-year process to repeal the ban on same-sex marriage in Virginia's constitution and insert new language that affirms the right to marry for all Virginians.

SB 1366 Older Americans Act: Updates Virginia's implementation of the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) to designate LGBTQ older adults as a population with "greatest social need" and increase access to vital aging services and resources.

SB 1321 Confirmatory Adoption: Expands adoption access to include a legal pathway to parenthood for unmarried LGBTQ couples, as well as individuals who are co-parenting a relative's child.

SB 1310 Domestic Workers' Rights: Extends equal rights and nondiscrimination protections to domestic workers by expanding the definition of "employer" in the Virginia Human Rights Act to include employers of domestic workers.



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SENATE	Panic Defense Ban	HIV Modernization	Marriage Amendment		Older Americans Act		Confirmatory Adoption	Domestic Workers' Rights		Disability Discrimination	LGBTQ+ Advisory Board	OVERALL SCORE
	HB 2132	SB 1138	SJ 270	HJ 582	SB 1366	HB 1805	SB 1321	SB 1310	HB 1864	HB 1848	HB 2130	
	Barker (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bell, J. (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Boysko (D-33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Deeds (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Ebbin (D-30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Edwards (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Favola (D-31)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hashmi (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Howell (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Lewis (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Lucas (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Marsden (D-37)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Mason (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McClellan (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McPike (D-29)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Petersen (D-34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Saslaw (D-35)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Surovell (D-36)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Locke (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	90
Morrissey (D-16)	⊘	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	90
Spruill (D-5)	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	81
Vogel (R-27)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	63
Kiggans (R-7)	✓	⊘	✓	✓	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	54

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Dunnivant (R-12)	✓	✓	NV	✓	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	45
Norment (R-3)	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	36
DeSteph (R-8)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	18
Reeves (R-17)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	18
Chase (R-11)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
Cosgrove (R-14)	⊘	⊘	NV	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
Hanger (R-24)	NV	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
McDougle (R-4)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
Newman (R-23)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
Obenshain (R-26)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
Peake (R-22)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	NV	✓	⊘	9
Pillion (R-40)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
Ruff (R-15)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
Stanley (R-20)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
Stuart (R-28)	⊘	⊘	⊘	NV	⊘	NV	NV	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9
Suetterlein (R-19)	⊘	⊘	NV	NV	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	9





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