

## 2023 VIRGINIA ELECTION REPORT

November 7, 2023

On Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, citizens across the Commonwealth went back to the polls to vote in one of the most consequential elections in Virginia's history. Following redistricting, primary elections, and a wave of retirements from longtime legislators, the Virginia General Assembly faced a loss of over 635 years of legislative experience and a turnover of at least 40% of the legislature, even before a single ballot was cast on Tuesday. And with a very narrow Democratic majority in the Senate (22-18) and a very narrow Republican majority in the House (52-48), this election cycle offered both parties a chance to truly vie for total control of the legislature.

While all politics may be local, Virginia's election season was firmly in the national spotlight this year. One of only four legislative elections in the country, Virginia's election cycle has been viewed as a barometer for the looming 2024 presidential election cycle. What's more, races for the House of Delegates and Senate were inextricably intertwined with major national political issues, such as abortion access and parental rights in education. Further adding to the intrigue are Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin's rumored presidential aspirations, which many pundits believe hinged upon his ability to maintain a Republican majority in the House and help Republicans take control of the Senate.

Following nearly 8 months of campaigning and an unprecedented level of fundraising, when the dust settled late Tuesday night, Virginia Democrats had not just defended their majority in the Senate, but they also took back the House of Delegates.

### THE RESULTS

As of 10am on Wednesday morning, Democrats held a 51-48 majority in the House and a 21-18 majority in the Senate, with one race undecided in each chamber. The race between Delegate Kim Taylor (R) and Kimberly Pope Adams (D) in HD 82 remains too close to call, as does the race between Senator Monty Mason (D) and Sheriff Danny Diggs in SD 24. Nonetheless, even with these two races still in the air, Democrats have won just enough to give them the slight edge in both chambers.

Also of note were ballot initiatives for gaming. Richmond voters rejected a second referendum that would have allowed the development of a casino in the city (61.62% to 38.38%) while Manassas Park voters rejected a referendum that would have allowed pari-mutuel wagering (58.88% to 41.12%).

### CONTESTED RACES

In the House of Delegates, 69 of the 100 seats were contested by either a major political party or an independent or third-party candidate. This is slightly lower than the last election cycle for the House (2021), where 91 of the 100 seats were contested.

In the Senate, 33 of the 40 seats were contested. This was actually slightly higher than the last election cycle for the Senate, where only 29 out of the 40 seats were contested.

### FAMILIAR FACES ON THE MOVE

Thanks in no small part to the results of redistricting, a number of current House members made the decision this year to run for Senate. For the Republicans, Delegates Chris Head, John McGuire, Emily

Brewer, Tara Durant all succeeded in their campaigns and will join the Senate this January. For the Democrats, Delegates Schuyler VanValkenburg, Angelia Williams Graves, Danica Roem, and Suhas Subramanyam all won their elections to the Senate as well.

This election cycle also bore witness to a number of former legislators making their political comebacks. Notably, former U.S. Representative Tom Garrett – who is also a former member of both the Virginia House and Senate – won his election to HD 56. In the Senate, former state Senator Glen Sturtevant won in the newly drawn SD 12, former Delegate Laschresce Aird won in SD 13, and former Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy won in SD 33. In the House, former Delegate Josh Cole won in HD 65, and former Delegate Alex Askew won in HD 95.

## WHAT COMES NEXT

With election results mostly finalized at this juncture, all eyes will now turn to the caucuses to see how leadership elections and committee assignments shake out.

In the House, Delegate Don Scott is presumably in line for Speaker of the House, though who will be named House Minority Leader is a bit murkier. In the Senate, despite Democrats maintaining control (which they've enjoyed since 2020), there will still be significant changes in the Senate Democratic Caucus leadership structure. With former Senate Majority Leader Dick Saslaw retiring earlier this year, Senators Mamie Locke (current Caucus Chair) and Scott Surovell (current Caucus Vice Chair) are angling for the post. On the other side of the aisle, Senators Ryan McDouggle (current Caucus Chair) and Mark Obenshain (current Caucus Co-Chair) are frequently mentioned as candidates to replace the retiring Senator Tommy Norment as the Minority Leader.

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES

*\*Denotes Incumbent.*

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| District | Democrat                  | Republican      | Other     | Winner                    |
|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| HD1      | Patrick Hope*             |                 |           | Patrick Hope*             |
| HD2      | Adele McClure             |                 |           | Adele McClure             |
| HD3      | Alfonso Lopez*            |                 | Mike Webb | Alfonso Lopez*            |
| HD4      | Charniele Herring*        |                 |           | Charniele Herring*        |
| HD5      | Elizabeth Bennett-Parker* |                 |           | Elizabeth Bennett-Parker* |
| HD6      | Rip Sullivan*             | Kristin Hoffman |           | Rip Sullivan*             |
| HD7      | Karen Keys-Gamarra        | Luellan Maskeny |           | Karen Keys-Gamarra        |
| HD8      | Irene Shin*               | Max Fisher      |           | Irene Shin*               |
| HD9      | Karrie Delaney*           | Nhan Huynh      |           | Karrie Delaney*           |
| HD10     | Dan Helmer*               | James Thomas    |           | Dan Helmer*               |

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|----------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| HD11     | David Bulova*       | Almira Mohammed  |                          | David Bulova*       |
| HD12     | Holly Seibold*      |                  |                          | Holly Seibold*      |
| HD13     | Marcus Simon*       |                  | Dave Crance              | Marcus Simon*       |
| HD14     | Vivian Watts*       | Curtis Wells     |                          | Vivian Watts*       |
| HD15     | Laura Jane Cohen    | Marcus Evans     |                          | Laura Jane Cohen    |
| HD16     | Paul Krizek*        |                  |                          | Paul Krizek*        |
| HD17     | Mark Sickles*       |                  |                          | Mark Sickles*       |
| HD18     | Kathy Tran*         | Ed McGovern      |                          | Kathy Tran*         |
| HD19     | Rozia Henson        |                  |                          | Rozia Henson        |
| HD20     | Michelle Maldonado* | Sharon E Ashurst |                          | Michelle Maldonado* |
| HD21     | Josh Thomas         | John Stirrup     |                          | Josh Thomas         |
| HD22     | Travis Nembhard     | Ian Lovejoy      |                          | Ian Lovejoy         |
| HD23     | Candi King*         | James Tully      |                          | Candi King*         |
| HD24     | Luke Torian*        |                  |                          | Luke Torian*        |
| HD25     | Briana Sewell*      | John S Gray      |                          | Briana Sewell*      |
| HD26     | Kannan Srinivasan   | Rafi Khaja       |                          | Kannan Srinivasan   |
| HD27     | Atoosa Reaser       | Chris Harnisch   |                          | Atoosa Reaser       |
| HD28     | David Reid*         | Paul Lott        |                          | David Reid*         |
| HD29     | Marty Martinez      | Jonathan Rogers  |                          | Marty Martinez      |
| HD30     | Rob Banse           | Geary Higgins    |                          | Geary Higgins       |
| HD31     | Steven E Foreman    | Delores Oates    | Grace Elizabeth Morrison | Delores Oates       |
| HD32     | Mady Rodriguez      | Bill Wiley*      |                          | Bill Wiley*         |
| HD33     | Robert Smith        | Todd Gilbert*    |                          | Todd Gilbert*       |
| HD34     | Esther Nizer        | Tony Wilt*       |                          | Tony Wilt*          |
| HD35     |                     | Chris Runion*    |                          | Chris Runion*       |
| HD36     | Randall Wolf        | Ellen Campbell*  |                          | Ellen Campbell*     |
| HD37     | Stephanie Clark     | Terry Austin*    |                          | Terry Austin*       |
| HD38     | Sam Rasoul*         |                  |                          | Sam Rasoul*         |
| HD39     |                     | Will Davis       |                          | Will Davis          |
| HD40     | Misty Vickers       | Joe McNamara*    |                          | Joe McNamara*       |

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|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| HD41     | Lily Franklin     | Chris Obenshain   |                | Chris Obenshain   |
| HD42     |                   | Jason Ballard*    |                | Jason Ballard*    |
| HD43     |                   | Will Morefield*   | Dave Ratliff   | Will Morefield*   |
| HD44     |                   | Israel O'Quinn*   |                | Israel O'Quinn*   |
| HD45     |                   | Terry Kilgore*    |                | Terry Kilgore*    |
| HD46     |                   | Jed Arnold*       |                | Jed Arnold*       |
| HD47     | Patty Quesenberry | Wren Williams*    | Jacob C Frogel | Wren Williams*    |
| HD48     |                   | Les Adams*        |                | Les Adams*        |
| HD49     |                   | Danny Marshall*   |                | Danny Marshall*   |
| HD50     | Josh Blakely      | Tommy Wright*     |                | Tommy Wright*     |
| HD51     | Kimberly Moran    | Eric Zehr         | Matt Fariss*   | Eric Zehr         |
| HD52     | Jennifer Woofter  | Wendell Walker*   |                | Wendell Walker*   |
| HD53     | Sam Soghor        | Tim Griffin       |                | Tim Griffin       |
| HD54     | Katrina Callsen   |                   |                | Katrina Callsen   |
| HD55     | Amy Laufer        | Steve Harvey      |                | Amy Laufer        |
| HD56     |                   | Tom Garrett       |                | Tom Garrett       |
| HD57     | Susanna Gibson    | David Owen        |                | David Owen        |
| HD58     | Rodney Willett*   | Riley Shaia       |                | Rodney Willett*   |
| HD59     | Rachel Levy       | Buddy Fowler*     |                | Buddy Fowler*     |
| HD60     | Keith P Braxton   | Scott Wyatt*      |                | Scott Wyatt*      |
| HD61     | Larry Jackson     | Michael Webert*   |                | Michael Webert*   |
| HD62     | Sara Ratcliffe    | Nick Freitas*     |                | Nick Freitas*     |
| HD63     |                   | Phillip Scott*    |                | Phillip Scott*    |
| HD64     | Leonard B Lacey   | Paul Milde        |                | Paul Milde        |
| HD65     | Joshua Cole       | Lee Peters        |                | Joshua Cole       |
| HD66     | Mark Lux          | Bobby Orrock*     |                | Bobby Orrock*     |
| HD67     | John Quincy Smith | Hillary Pugh Kent | Richard Kenski | Hillary Pugh Kent |
| HD68     |                   | Keith Hodges*     |                | Keith Hodges*     |
| HD69     |                   | Chad Green        |                | Chad Green        |

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|----------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| HD70     | Shelly Simonds*        | Matt Waters        | Michael Bartley | Shelly Simonds*        |
| HD71     | Jessica Anderson       | Amanda Batten*     |                 | Amanda Batten*         |
| HD72     | Bilal Raychouni        | Lee Ware*          |                 | Lee Ware*              |
| HD73     | Herb Walke             | Mark Earley, Jr    |                 | Mark Earley, Jr        |
| HD74     |                        | Mike Cherry*       |                 | Mike Cherry*           |
| HD75     | Stephen Miller-Pitts   | Carrie Coyner*     |                 | Carrie Coyner*         |
| HD76     | Debra Gardner          | Duc Truong         |                 | Debra Gardner          |
| HD77     | Michael Jones          |                    |                 | Michael Jones          |
| HD78     | Betsy Carr*            |                    |                 | Betsy Carr*            |
| HD79     | Rae Cousins            |                    |                 | Rae Cousins            |
| HD80     | Destiny LeVere Bolling |                    |                 | Destiny LeVere Bolling |
| HD81     | Delores McQuinn*       |                    |                 | Delores McQuinn*       |
| HD82     | Kimberly Pope Adams    | Kim Taylor*        |                 | <b>UNDECIDED</b>       |
| HD83     | Mary Person            | Otto Wachsmann*    |                 | Otto Wachsmann*        |
| HD84     | Nadarius Clark         | Michael Dillender  |                 | Nadarius Clark         |
| HD85     | Cia Price*             |                    |                 | Cia Price*             |
| HD86     | Jarris Taylor          | A.C. Cordoza*      |                 | A.C. Cordoza*          |
| HD87     | Jeion Ward*            | John Chapman       |                 | Jeion Ward*            |
| HD88     | Don Scott*             | Jim Wright         |                 | Don Scott*             |
| HD89     | Karen Jenkins          | Baxter Ennis       |                 | Baxter Ennis           |
| HD90     | Jeremy Rodden          | Jay Leftwich*      |                 | Jay Leftwich*          |
| HD91     | Cliff Hayes*           | Elijah Colon       |                 | Cliff Hayes*           |
| HD92     | Bonita Anthony         | Michael Durig      |                 | Bonita Anthony         |
| HD93     | Jackie Glass*          | John Sitka         |                 | Jackie Glass*          |
| HD94     | Phil Hernandez         | Andy Pittman       |                 | Phil Hernandez         |
| HD95     | Alex Askew             |                    |                 | Alex Askew             |
| HD96     | Kelly Fowler*          | Mike Karslake      | Nicholas Olenik | Kelly Fowler*          |
| HD97     | Michael Feggans        | Karen Greenhalgh*  |                 | Michael Feggans        |
| HD98     |                        | Barry Knight*      |                 | Barry Knight*          |
| HD99     | Cat Porterfield        | Anne Ferrell Tata* |                 | Anne Ferrell Tata*     |

| District | Democrat       | Republican      | Other | Winner          |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| HD100    | Charlena Jones | Rob Bloxom, Jr* |       | Rob Bloxom, Jr* |

## SENATE

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|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| SD1      | Emily Scott             | Timmy French       |                | Timmy French            |
| SD2      | Kathy Beery             | Mark Obenshain*    | Joshua Huffman | Mark Obenshain*         |
| SD3      | Jade Harris             | Chris Head         |                | Chris Head              |
| SD4      | Trish White-Boyd        | Dave Suetterlein*  |                | Dave Suetterlein*       |
| SD5      | Robert Beckman          | Travis Hackworth*  |                | Travis Hackworth*       |
| SD6      |                         | Todd Pillion       |                | Todd Pillion            |
| SD7      | Renie Gates             | Bill Stanley*      |                | Bill Stanley*           |
| SD8      | Donn StClair            | Mark Peake*        |                | Mark Peake*             |
| SD9      |                         | Frank Ruff*        |                | Frank Ruff*             |
| SD10     |                         | John McGuire       |                | John McGuire            |
| SD11     | Creigh Deeds*           | Philip Hamilton    |                | Creigh Deeds*           |
| SD12     | Natalie McKenzie        | Glen Sturtevant    |                | Glen Sturtevant         |
| SD13     | Lashrescse Aird         | Eric Ditri         |                | Lashrescse Aird         |
| SD14     | Lamont Bagby*           |                    |                | Lamont Bagby*           |
| SD15     | Ghazala Hashmi          | Hayden Fisher      |                | Ghazala Hashmi          |
| SD16     | Schuyler VanValkenburg  | Siobhan Dunnavant* |                | Schuyler VanValkenburg  |
| SD17     | Clint Jenkins           | Emily Brewer       |                | Emily Brewer            |
| SD18     | Louise Lucas*           | Tony Goodwin       |                | Louise Lucas*           |
| SD19     | Myra Payne              | Christie New Craig |                | Christie New Craig      |
| SD20     | Victoria Luevanos       | Bill DeSteph*      |                | Bill DeSteph*           |
| SD21     | Angelia Williams Graves |                    | Giovanni Dolmo | Angelia Williams Graves |
| SD22     | Aaron Rouse*            | Kevin Adams        |                | Aaron Rouse*            |

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|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| SD23     | Mamie Locke*         |                       |                  | Mamie Locke*         |
| SD24     | Monty Mason*         | Danny Diggs           |                  | <b>UNDECIDED</b>     |
| SD25     | Jolicia Ward         | Richard Stuart*       |                  | Richard Stuart*      |
| SD26     | Pam Garner           | Ryan McDougale*       |                  | Ryan McDougale*      |
| SD27     | Joel Griffin         | Tara Durant           | Monica Gary      | Tara Durant          |
| SD28     | Jason Ford           | Bryce Reeves*         | Elizabeth Melson | Bryce Reeves*        |
| SD29     | Jeremy McPike*       | Nikki Rattray Baldwin |                  | Jeremy McPike*       |
| SD30     | Danica Roem          | Bill Woolf            |                  | Danica Roem          |
| SD31     | Russet Perry         | Juan Pablo Segura     |                  | Russet Perry         |
| SD32     | Suhas Subramanyam    | Greg Moulthrop        |                  | Suhas Subramanyam    |
| SD33     | Jennifer Carroll Foy | Mike Van Meter        |                  | Jennifer Carroll Foy |
| SD34     | Scott Surovell*      | Mark Springman        |                  | Scott Surovell*      |
| SD35     | Dave Marsden         | Mark Vafiades         |                  | Dave Marsden         |
| SD36     | Stella Pekarsky      | Julie Perry           |                  | Stella Pekarsky      |
| SD37     | Saddam Azlan Salim   | Ken Reid              |                  | Saddam Azlan Salim   |
| SD38     | Jennifer Boysko*     | Matthew Lang          |                  | Jennifer Boysko*     |
| SD39     | Adam Ebbin*          | Sophia Moshasha       |                  | Adam Ebbin*          |
| SD40     | Barbara Favola*      | David Henshaw         |                  | Barbara Favola*      |



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