



## What is on the ballot?

We will be voting for one US Senator and members of the US House of Representatives and there might be local races on the ballot. In addition, there will be three Constitutional amendments and in some localities a referendum for a 1 percent sales tax.

### Reproductive Freedom Amendment

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

Yes Vote: will allow people to make decisions about their reproductive health and protect medical practitioners for their decisions.

No Vote: opposes amending the constitution to establish the right to reproductive health.

### Marriage Equality Amendment

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?

Yes Vote: will remove the wording that a marriage is only between a man and a woman and will require all legally valid marriages be treated equally.

No Vote: will keep the wording of a marriage as that only between a man and a woman.



## Restoration of Voting Rights Amendment

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?

Yes Vote: will take the decision on whether a person's rights are restored out sole discretion of the governor and make these rights automatically restored upon release from incarceration. It will also update the definition of mentally incompetent to those who can't understand the act of voting.

No Vote: will keep restoration in the hands of the governor and not update the definition of mentally incompetent.

## One percent sales tax referendum (with some minor language variation)

Question: "Shall [Name of Locality], Virginia, be authorized to levy a general retail sales tax at a rate not to exceed one percent (1%), with the revenues to be used solely for capital projects for new construction or major renovation of schools serving [Name of Locality], Virginia, including related bond and loan financing costs, and with the tax expiring on [Specific Expiration Date in 2046]?"

Yes Vote: grants your local government the authority to levy an additional 1% retail sales tax dedicated to local public school construction and major renovations.

No Vote: your local government (city council or county board of supervisors) will not receive the legal authority from voters to impose the additional local sales tax in your locality.