

## 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 10 on Thursday morning, Democrats held a 51-48 majority in the House of Delegates and a 21-19 majority in the Senate, with one race undecided in the House. The race between Delegate Kim Taylor (R) and Kimberly Pope Adams (D) in HD 82 remains too close to call, with Delegate Kim Taylor in the lead by just over 200 votes.

Another race that couldn't be called on election night has now officially been resolved. Republican challenger Danny Diggs (R) has defeated Senator Monty Mason (D) in SD 24. As of Wednesday evening, Diggs lead Mason by over 1,600 votes, and Senator Mason officially conceded the election.

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 McDougale (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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**Red = Republican    Blue = Democrat    Black= Other third party**

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*

District	Democrat	Republican	Other	Winner
HD9	Karrie Delaney*	Nhan Huynh		Karrie Delaney*
HD10	Dan Helmer*	James Thomas		Dan Helmer*
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

District	Democrat	Republican	Other	Winner
HD40	Misty Vickers	Joe McNamara*		Joe McNamara*
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

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HD68		Keith Hodges*		Keith Hodges*
HD69		Chad Green		Chad Green
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 Karlake	Nicholas Olenik	Kelly Fowler*
HD97	Michael Feggans	Karen Greenhalgh*		Michael Feggans

District	Democrat	Republican	Other	Winner
HD98		Barry Knight*		Barry Knight*
HD99	Cat Porterfield	Anne Ferrell Tata*		Anne Ferrell Tata*
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 Dunnivant*		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*

District	Democrat	Republican	Other	Winner
SD21	Angelia Williams Graves		Giovanni Dolmo	Angelia Williams Graves
SD22	Aaron Rouse*	Kevin Adams		Aaron Rouse*
SD23	Mamie Locke*			Mamie Locke*
SD24	Monty Mason*	Danny Diggs		Danny Diggs
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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