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Virginia Election Preview: Executive and House Seats on the November Ballot

Virginians don't get a break from the election cycle during odd-numbered years. Next month's general election is a crucial one as Virginia will hold key state elections for its three statewide executive offices – governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general – as well as for the House of Delegates.

Early voting started in late September, so here are some voter deadlines, followed by a high-level election overview and candidate resources.

- **Election Day: Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

Polls are open on Election Day from 6 A.M. - 7 P.M

- **In-Person Early Voting**

- In-person early voting began Friday, September 19 and continues through Saturday, November 1 at 5:00 p.m. Each locality in Virginia sets its own early voting location(s). Some jurisdictions offer early voting in locations other than the registrar's office. For all early voting and ballot dropbox information, contact the general registrar's office for the jurisdiction where you are registered. [Click here](#) for more information.

OVERVIEW OF THE 2025 VIRGINIA ELECTIONS

While Democrats currently hold the majority in both chambers of the state legislature (Senate: 21-19 and House: 51-49), Republicans control the statewide offices of governor, secretary of state, and attorney general. Under Virginia law, the governor serves a 4-year term and cannot serve consecutive terms (a former governor is eligible to be elected again after a break in service, however).

- **Governor:** Current Gov. Glenn Youngkin is term-limited, so former U.S. Representative **Abigail Spanberger** (Democrat) will be facing the current Lt. Gov., **Winsome Earle-Sears** (Republican). Spanberger has held a consistent lead over Earle-Sears in the polls. The contest is seen as an early test of Democratic strength

ahead of the 2026 midterms, in a state where Kamala Harris' 6-point victory margin was notably smaller than Joe Biden's 10-point win in 2020.

- **Lieutenant Governor:** The incumbent Republican lieutenant governor, Winsome Earle-Sears, did not run for a second term in office, instead choosing to run for governor. The Republican nominee is a former radio host **John Reid**. The Democratic nominee is state senator **Ghazala Hashmi**. Virginia is one of 17 states where the lieutenant governor is elected separately from the governor.
- **Attorney General:** The incumbent Republican attorney general, **Jason Miyares**, who has held the office since 2022, is running for re-election against **Jay Jones**, a former Washington, D.C. assistant attorney general and state delegate (2018-2021). He also ran for attorney general in 2021.

In addition, all 100 seats in the Virginia House of Delegates will be up for grabs in November, which is expected to be a net gain for the democrats.

VIRGINIA VOTER RESOURCES

Learn About Your Candidates:

Here are a few resources for learning more about your specific candidates.

- For an overview of candidates and districts, go here:
 - [Who's My Legislator?](#)
 - Type in your home address
- The Virginia Department of Elections has official candidate lists [here](#).

One More Resource:

Finally, ERIE's Government Relations team maintains a website to help connect our employees to the political process: the [ERIE Action Network](#). Here, you can keep up with current issues impacting the industry, learn more about our Government Relations team, sign up to take action on pressing issues, and access [voting information](#) and resources provided by our national trade association, APCIA.

Regardless of how you choose to prepare yourself to cast a well-informed ballot, don't forget: all elections matter and your voice is important.