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# Virginia's Primary is June 17 – Here's What You Need to Know

As always, Virginians get no rest from the election cycle during odd-numbered years. And 2025 is an important one – the House of Delegates, governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general are all up for election.

The primary is Tuesday, June 17 with voting beginning at 6 A.M. We encourage you to get informed as you participate in the electoral process. For all our Virginia employees, see the \*VIRGINIA VOTER RESOURCES\* section below for some key deadlines and information to educate yourself on the candidates.

#### **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 offices of governor, secretary of state, and attorney general. Under Virginia law, the governor is limited to one consecutive term in office, so when voters cast their ballots for the general election on November 4, they could reshape the political balance of state government.

All 100 seats in the Virginia House of Delegates will be up for grabs in November but most incumbents aren't facing challengers.

## **Note on Primary Elections**

Primaries only take place if two or more candidates qualify to be on the primary ballot. If only one candidate qualifies, they automatically become the party's nominee and qualify for the November general ballot, which was the case with both parties' gubernatorial candidates.

There are nine total Democratic primaries and eight Republican primaries for the lower chamber of the General Assembly. For statewide offices, there will be Democratic primaries for attorney general and lieutenant governor, whereas Republican candidates for those offices are already set for November.

This <u>Board of Elections document</u> shows those districts that will hold General Assembly primaries along with local and statewide offices.

## **\*VIRGINIA VOTER RESOURCES\***

### **Key Deadlines/Dates for Primary Voters**

- Primary Election Day: Tuesday, June 17, 2025
  - o Polls are open on Election Day from 6 A.M. 7 P.M.
  - Although the last day to register to vote was Tuesday, May 27, voters may still register through Election Day and vote using a provisional ballot.
- Other Voting Dates:
  - All voter <u>registration offices</u> are open for early voting now through Saturday, June 14.

#### **Learn About Your Candidates:**

Here are a few resources for learning more about your specific candidates in the primary and general elections.

- For an overview of candidates and districts, go here:
  - o Who's My Legislator?
  - Type in your home address
- The Virginia Department of Elections has official primary 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.

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