



LFDI/WFCDC Town Hall

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FAQs

Q: There have been many court challenges. Is the election happening?

A: **YES**, the election is happening. Early voting has started.

Q: Is this a temporary measure?

A: **YES**, it reverts back after the 2030 census. It is a temporary emergency measure.

Q: If I vote early, will my vote be counted? Republicans are saying votes cast early won't be counted and they are trying to shift early voting to a different date.

A: **YES**, your vote WILL be counted. Early voting **has started** and **no votes will be thrown out**. We encourage you to vote early and share that you voted on our Facebook page. **Voting early locks in your vote.**

Q: We will likely win the House anyway. Is this necessary?

A: YES, although there has been a lot of momentum recently for the Democrats in several special elections, we cannot count on this! Nothing is guaranteed. Congress has been gerrymandered by the GOP in several other states- Ohio, Texas, North Carolina, and now Florida- all without giving the voters a voice to vote on it! Without the Virginia referendum the outlook in Congress is grim. The number of competitive seats in the House is less than 20. The 10:1 map only gives the Democrats a slight advantage in the House. It is **NOT** a slam dunk. If we take the House, we can end this nightmare!

Q: Can you address what Ben Cline is doing with his "grassroots" effort?

A: Ben Cline is scared and wants to keep his job. Ask yourself, do you want to fire Ben Cline? If YES- vote YES!

Q: Will it really revert back in 2030?

A: Yes- the language in the referendum is VERY clear. It is a TEMPORARY measure.

Q: What is the new rule with the post office and mail in ballots?

A: The rule, which went into effect on Christmas Eve, defines the meaning of a postmark, the date printed or stamped on most mailed items. In the past, the postmark generally indicated the date the post office received the item. Now, it will explicitly mean the date that USPS processes the item in its processing center, resulting in a 2–3-day delay (or longer)

Q: What can we do about this postmark delay?

A:

- When you take your mail in ballot to the post office, ask the clerk to stamp it there versus waiting for it to get to the processing center 2-3 days later.
- Take your ballot to the registrar’s office and drop it in the mail in ballot box
- Mail your ballot EARLY to ensure no delays. Early voting locks in your vote.
- Track your ballot status <https://www.fcva.us/departments/office-of-elections-voter-registration/absentee-voting> and call if it’s not received.

Q: If this referendum passes, is it a slam dunk? Will there be more challenges?

A: If the referendum passes, the **maps go into effect immediately**. However, it still needs to go to the Supreme Court. We know the Republicans will challenge every way they can. We have a VERY strong legal case and we expect to prevail.

Q: What can I do to help this effort?

A: We need to engage with every single Democrat voter and ensure a HEAVY turnout. We are way underfunded compared to the GOP who is pouring money into VA. Sign up with Mobilize <https://www.mobilize.us/virginiansforfairelections/> Canvassing, phone banking, donating, and literature drops are all great ways to help the effort.

Q: What do the latest polls say?

A: Polls are not reliable. It depends on how they are worded and their sampling methodology, etc. We can’t rely on polling.

Q: What is the voting procedure for this referendum? Is it similar to a regular election like we have every year in VA?

A: Yes, same procedures- early voting, mail in voting, election day voting, and provisional voting.

Q: Where can I get a yard sign?

A: Contact your street captain or Carol Kidwell: kidwellcady@gmail.com