

## VIRGINIA’S NEW REDISTRICTING – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

With the blessings of the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program, and as one of their final official acts of 2021, the Supreme Court of Virginia issued an order establishing new voting districts for the State of Virginia, thereby, leaving the rest of us in this quagmire of redistricting craziness.

In their memo identifying their reasoning, special map masters Grofman and Trende said that they “carefully drew” the new districts to meet constitutional and statutory population requirements. “In doing so, we minimized county and city splits, while respecting natural boundaries and communities of interest to the extent possible.” They observed, “that the entire Valley of Virginia from Winchester to Roanoke fit almost perfectly within a district bordered by the Blue Ridge...opting to place the counties north of Roanoke and west of the Blue Ridge in a single district representing District 06 the Valley of Virginia.”

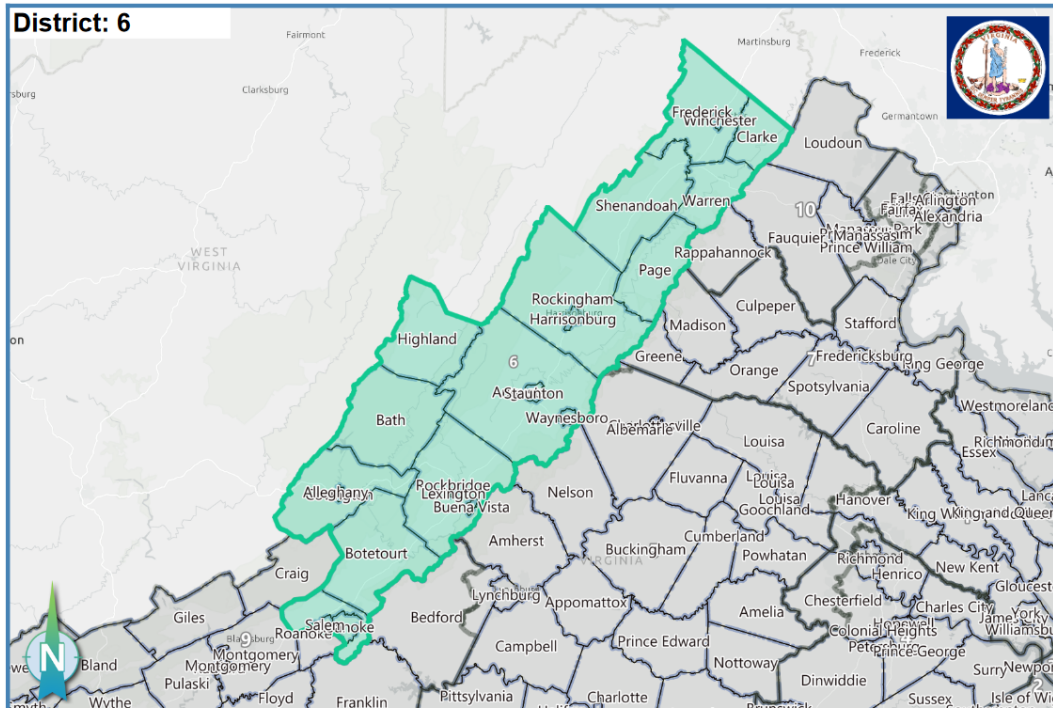
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### WHAT WILL CHANGE?

Virtually every district in the State of Virginia will change. If you live at Lake Frederick, here are your new District numbers as determined by the 2020 Redistricting Census. Here is a quick reference guide for handy referencing. Maps follow below.

	Old District		New District
Virginia U.S. House of Representatives	10		6
Senate State of Virginia	27		1
House of Delegates State of Virginia	29		31

**Important:** These new districts take effect *during* the next General Election for each seat. For example, **Jennifer Wexton, District 10** will still be our U.S. Representative until our new U.S. Representative is sworn in on **January 3, 2023**. However, **Jennifer Lewis**, the Democrat running in **District 6, our new district**, will be campaigning for our vote and will likely be challenging current U.S. Representative Ben Cline (there is a reported challenger to Representative Cline so there may be a Republican Primary) in the General Election on **November 8, 2022**.



Map of New District 06



Jennifer Lewis



Rep Ben Cline

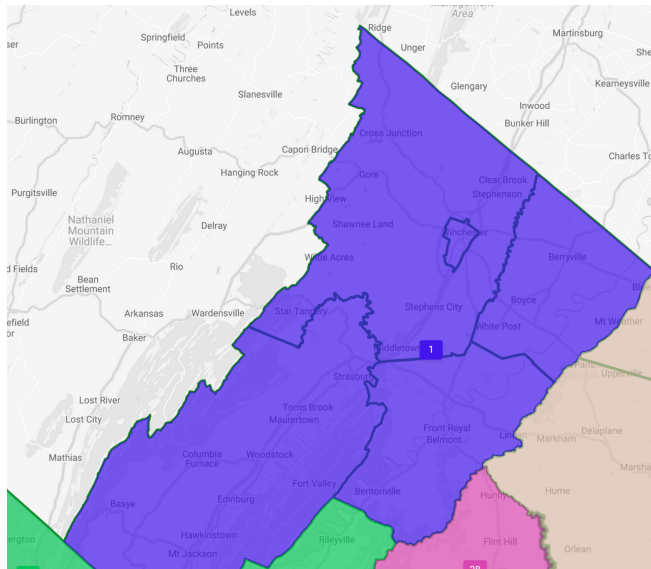
Virginia currently sends a significant 7D/4R delegates to the U.S. House of Representatives. To preserve our control of the U.S. House it is imperative that we maintain these numbers and, indeed, should be strategizing to increase this number. With the dramatic changes we are seeing in our new redistricting, this is a lofty goal, but certainly doable. For example, at least two Democrat incumbents - Elaine Luria D-VA02, and Abigail Spanberger D-VA07 — were drawn out of their current districts, leaving no incumbent to reside within the new boundaries. Morgan Griffiths, R-D09’s Representative now lives in our District 06 and could run in our district if he wanted, but we think he has decided to stay in his incumbent district to run again. As a U.S. Representative, he is not required to live in the district for which he is running. These open districts are certainly going to be tempting for other Republican candidates who have been

displaced. We don't want to lose valuable Representatives like Jennifer Wexton, Abigail Spanberger and Elaine Luria because we took our eye off the prize.

## **REDISTRICTING CHANGES FOR 2023**

### **Virginia Senate**

The State of Virginia has 40 Senate Districts. Democrats currently control the Senate D21/R19 – too close for comfort! The Lake Frederick new district will be **District 01** (see map below). We are currently represented by **Senator Jill Vogel, R-D27**. **Senator Vogel** will represent us until **January 2024**, at which time our newly elected Senator from our new **District 01** will represent us. The campaign for **District 01** will begin sometime in the early spring of 2023. No candidates have announced their intention to run at this time.

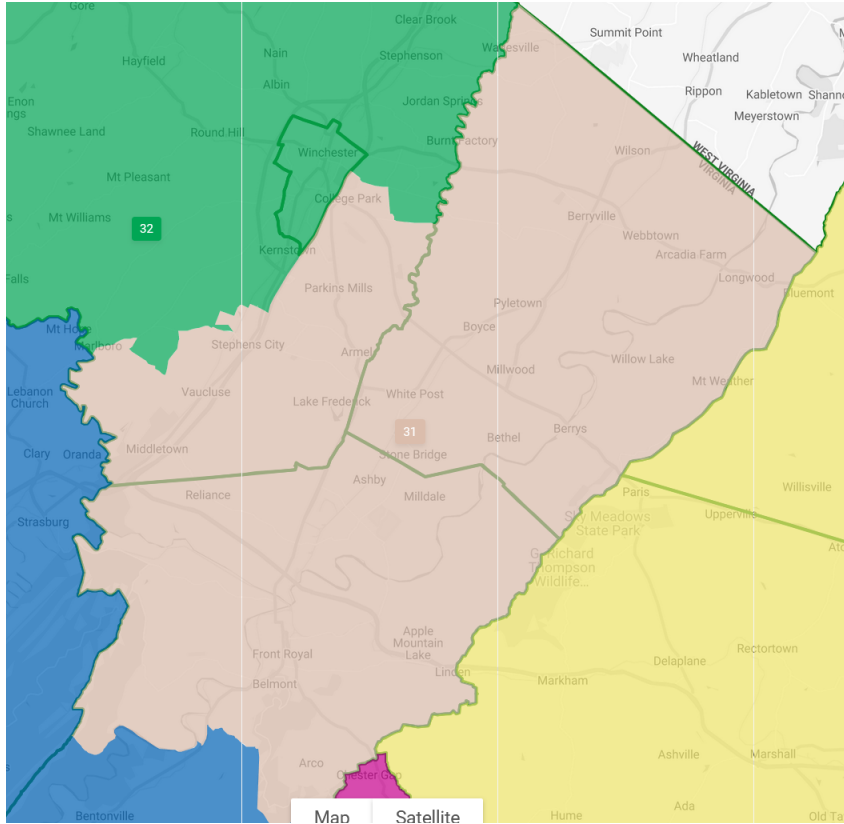


New Virginia Senate District 01

Current Senator Jill Vogel ®

### **Virginia House of Delegates**

The State of Virginia has 100 House of Representative Districts. Republicans currently control the House R52/D48, we want to turn this number around! The Lake Frederick new district will be **District 31** (see map below). We are currently represented by **Delegate Bill Wiley, District 29**. **Delegate Wiley** will represent us until **January 2024**, at which time our newly elected Senator from **District 31** will represent us. The campaign for **District 31** will begin sometime in the early spring of 2023. No candidates have announced their intention to run at this time, although **Delegate Elizabeth Guzman**, a Democrat, is currently the representative from **District 31**, and perhaps we can convince her to run again!



New Virginia State Representative District No. 31



Del. Bill Wiley



Del. Liz Guzman

All in all, it's too soon to say what the new redistricting is going to do. We have some districts with no incumbents and some districts with two and three incumbents. We're going to see some retire and maybe some move. But somebody somewhere is going to wind up losing a seat and we can't spend all our time just watching our own districts. We must watch the entire state...Democrats cannot afford to be the ones to come up one short.

According to *The Roanoke Times*, “The biggest drama will be in the Shenandoah Valley, where three incumbents wind up in a single district: Democrat Creigh Deeds of Bath County, Republican Emmett Hanger of Augusta County and Republican Mark Obenshain of Rockingham County. If nobody moves, two of them will lose out, which is a big loss of seniority for somebody. However, there are options if those senators choose to exercise them. Deeds and Hanger could move. There’s now a state Senate district around Charlottesville and Albemarle with no incumbent and a strong Democratic majority. That’s where most of Deeds’ constituents now are anyway. But Head ought to be looking at the possibility. I guarantee you right now a lot of those incumbents are going to be checking the real estate listings – or other job opportunities.”

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### **Election Dates for Upcoming Elections**

1. Virginia U.S. House of Representatives – **November 8, 2022**
2. Senate State of Virginia – **November 7, 2023**
3. House of Delegates State of Virginia – **November 7, 2023**
4. Virginia U.S. Senators have no districts – **November 5, 2024**

**For interactive links to all district maps got to this webpage.**

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