
LWV-VA Consensus Questions: Election Laws Update Study, Part 2

1. a. What measures do you support to facilitate voting at the polls on Election Day? Select all applicable:
 - Use of electronic pollbooks
 - Well trained election officers
 - Ratio of machines per registered voters that will decrease likelihood of long lines at most times on Election Day
 - Maximum precinct size that will decrease likelihood of long lines at most times on Election Day
 - Change or extend hours that the polls are open: If yes, provide suggested hours and reason for selection.
 - Polling place locations convenient to any public transportation and designed to maximize voting participation
 - Exercising the State-wide authority that allows use of split shifts and closing specialists at the polls
 - Other:
- b. What is the role of the State to ensure consistency with regard to these measures?
2. Do you support legislation that would allow the Courts to extend the hours that the polls are open in the case of disasters or other emergencies that prevent voters from getting to the polls? Yes ___ No _____. Explain.
3. What types of absentee or early voting do you support for all voters in Virginia, i.e., not just military and overseas voters? Select all applicable. Explain if necessary.
 - No excuse absentee voting: by mail _____ in person _____
 - Permanent no excuse absentee voting by mail
 - Localities to exercise the State-wide option to use satellite absentee voting facilities for several weeks prior to general elections in areas where distance and inadequate transportation facilities make it difficult for voters to get to a central elections office
 - Localities to provide weekend and evening hours for voting at central and satellite voting offices for several weeks before general elections
 - All-mail voting for: Federal general elections: Yes ___ No ___; State general elections: Yes ___ No ___; Local (city, town) elections: Yes _____ No _____

Special elections: Yes _____ No _____; Primary elections: Yes _____ No _____

If you answered yes to any use of all-mail voting, should it be implemented state-wide or at the option of each local jurisdiction?

Would you support a pilot program of all-mail voting? Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you believe that increasing turnout and facilitating voting should be equal goals for adopting changes in the way that Virginia conducts elections? Yes _____ No _____ Explain if necessary.
5. Do you support use of fax machines and e-mail attachments (or similar technology) to return voted absentee ballots from:
 - Military and Overseas Voters? Yes _____ No _____ Explain
 - All absentee voters? Yes _____ No _____ Explain
6. If proven safe and secure by a pilot program or programs, in either Virginia or other states, would you support using the Internet to vote? Yes _____ No _____ Explain
7. Are you satisfied that the current law regarding recounts protects the rights of all/both candidates in close elections? Yes _____ No _____ Explain if necessary.
8. Do you believe that party identification of candidates on the ballot should be extended to all partisan elections (those, such as constitutional officers and county boards of supervisors, in which candidates are chosen by political parties) in Virginia? Yes _____ No _____ Explain if necessary.