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# Virginia General Assembly

## Structure and Representatives

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# Structure

- Bicameral: Senate and House of Delegates
- Convenes on the second Wednesday of January
- Assembly is in session for 60 days in even-numbered years and 45 day in odd-numbered years with an option to extend an additional 30 days



# Senate

- 40 Senators, elected every four years
- Lieutenant Governor is the President of the Senate (he is elected)
- President Pro Tempore carries out duties of the Lieutenant Governor if Lieutenant Governor is absent; President Pro Tempore is elected by membership every four years
- Clerk of the Senate is elected by membership every four years
- Senate is composed of lawyers, educators, and business executives
- 21 Republicans and 19 Democrats
- 10 standing committees and a Committee on Rules (15-17 members)

# House of Delegates

- 100 Delegates, elected every two years
- Speaker of the House presides over the House
- Speaker is elected by membership every two years
- Clerk of the House is elected by membership every two years
- House of Delegates is composed of business executives, attorneys, educators, and farmers
- 51 Republicans and 49 Democrats
- 14 standing committees in the House

# Qualifications

- To serve in the Senate or House of Delegates one must be 21 years old and must have lived in Virginia for at least one year
- Good news if you are a Fourth-Year looking to do a gap year

# Powers of the General Assembly

- Enact laws not specifically prohibited by the state or federal constitution
- Levy taxes
- Confirm the Governor's appointments of state agency heads and board members
- Approve the state budget
- Elect State Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals, Circuit and District Court Judges as well as the members of the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission
- Elect the Auditor of Public Accounts, the commissioners of the State Corporation Commission, and members of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission.

# Charlottesville Reps

State Delegate: David Toscano (D), 57th District

-renewable energy

-resigning



State Senator: Creigh Deeds (D), 25th District

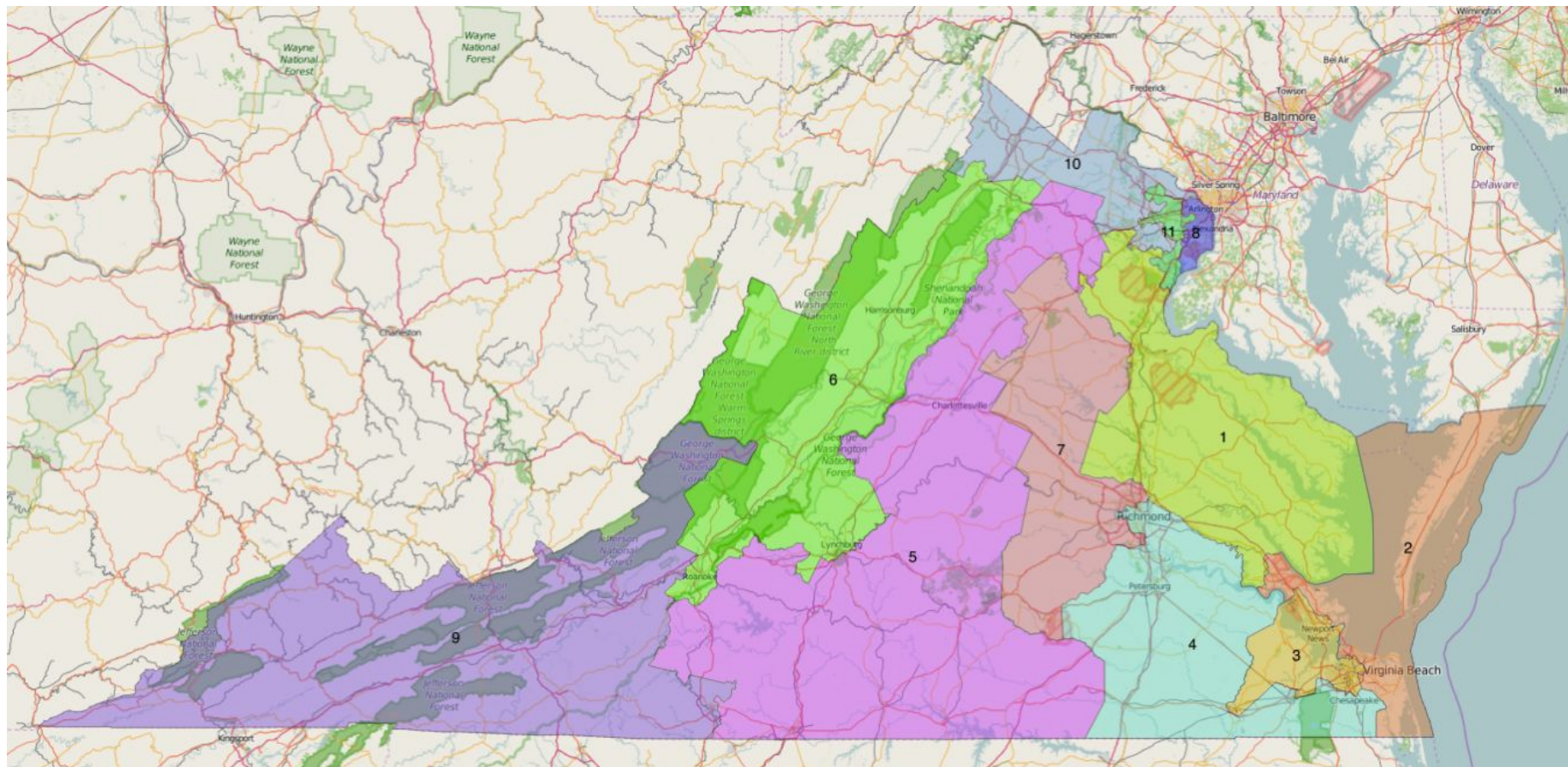
-Mental health



# Who Is Your Legislator?

<https://whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov>







# Congressional Districts

- District 1: Hampton Roads/Northern Neck (Parts of Manassas, Stafford, Fredericksburg, Northern Neck, Williamsburg, parts of Newport News)
- District 2: Tidewater/Hampton Roads (Norfolk, VA Beach, and Eastern Shore)
- District 3: Tidewater (parts of Virginia)
- District 4: Tidewater/Southside (southern counties from Chesapeake, Suffolk, northwest Powhatan)
- District 5: Southside/Central VA: (Charlottesville, Warrenton, and Route 66 sprawl)
- District 6: The Valley (Shenandoah Valley, Front Royal, Harrisonburg, Staunton, Lynchburg, and most of Roanoke)
- District 7: Central Va (Culpeper, Orange, Spotsylvania, Henrico, coal-mining village of Midlothian and east nearly to Williamsburg)
- District 8: Northern VA (NOVA bordering DC; Falls Church, Arlington, Alexandria, Lorton, Mt. Vernon)
- District 9: Southwest VA (Blacksburg, Salem, Covington, and parts of Martinsville)
- District 10: NOVA/Northern Shenandoah Valley (Clarke, Loudoun, Winchester, Chantilly, Manassas, parts of McLean, and Dulles airport)
- District 11: Northern VA (Reston, Vienna, parts of Fairfax, parts of Lorton, and Woodbridge)