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## Action Alert!

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This "Action Alert!" is a call to action for League members and friends throughout the state to communicate with their local legislators and various committee members. We ask the legislators to take actions on proposed legislation as described in the alert below. Members may discuss the pros or cons as an individual but not as a League member. Our requests to legislators are based on our positions or those of LWVUS. It is most effective to contact your own legislator. While the legislature is in session is the best opportunity to educate legislators and to allow them to make informed decisions.

### **Always keep our League policy in mind:**

*"Only the President or her designee is authorized to speak for the League. However, we encourage all members to contact their public officials as **individuals**, whether or not they agree with a League position."*

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## **Last Push in House of Delegates: Privileges and Elections Committee**

LWV-VA participated with OneVirginia2021 in a conference call this afternoon and agreed to take part in their action plan to get the House P&E Committee to hear, and **vote on**, the Senate redistricting bills next week. They are asking callers to send a message to all the P&E members who need to be persuaded to call for and insist on a vote. The bills are on the agenda for Tuesday morning's subcommittee meeting. That is the OneVirginia2021 message.

Normally, the League asks you to call and email your own member, but the OneVirginia2021 rationale is that these few legislators are the only ones who can make a difference in getting an actual vote on the bills. Your own legislator will not have a chance to vote unless the subcommittee votes to advance the bills to the full committee that meets Friday when it can call for a vote.

The list of committee members to call is attached. EMails are also HIGHLY recommended.

You may not be able to talk to anyone in person over the weekend but Monday you should send emails

### **OneVirginia2021 Suggests:**

**Who should I call?** We've made a custom list, shown below, so you can get started immediately.

**When does this vote happen?** The vote is in subcommittee on Tuesday morning, so get your calls in by Monday!

The members of the subcommittee who need to be called as well: **Ransone, Jones, Fowler, Adams, Cole**. Already in support are Sickles and Torian. Thank them.

The list of legislators you will be asked to call will most likely not have your Delegate on it. This is okay! The reason for this is because we need to reach the members on the House Privileges & Elections committee specifically!

**Here's why you should call:** We've got one more chance in the Virginia House of Delegates. The Virginia State Senate has passed three great bills for reform ([SJ290](#), [SJ231](#), and [SB846](#)).

**We need you to call and *firmly but politely* ask for a vote on the Senate redistricting reform bills in the full House Privileges & Elections Committee.** Call now.

Once you talk to the legislators, please email OneVirginia2021 at [Director@OneVirginia2021.org](mailto:Director@OneVirginia2021.org) and tell us what they said! This is crucial! We need to know who does and does not support us.

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