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Action Alert!

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This "Action Alert!" is a call to action for League members throughout the state to communicate with their local legislators and various committee members. Make them aware of the state League's position on bills that are being considered. While the legislatures in session is the best opportunity to inform legislators and educate them to allow them to make informed decisions.

Start the 2017 General Assembly Session Right!

Make 2017 the Year of Transparency.

Ask Delegates to Record ALL votes in committees and subcommittees.

Support HB1677 – introduced by Del. Cline.

- Shouldn't we know how our Delegate votes? Yes!!
- Shouldn't the Ayes and Nays be recorded? Yes!!
- We can see how Delegates voted on bills during House floor sessions, why not in subcommittees and committees?
- Too many times bills are killed with a "Lay on the Table" motion.
- Too many times a "voice vote" is used and the individual ayes and nays are not recorded, even if the Delegate raises his/her hand.

House Rules, but not Virginia Code, state that a Delegate can request a recorded vote; if

one-fifth of the members of a committee request a recorded vote the request should be granted. **But a Delegate should not have to ask.** It should be standard procedure to have each Delegate's vote recorded.

Del. Cline of House District has introduced [HB1677](#) to require a recorded vote on all bills that are introduced. If he is your Delegate please send him a Thank You. DelBCline@house.virginia.gov

His press release: <http://www.bencline.com/2017/01/06/cline-introduces-transparency-legislation-to-require-record-vote-of-all-bills/>

This bill should be heard in the House Rules Committee. (If it were to pass, however, it would not go into effect during this session.) *If any member of the Rules Committee is your Delegate contact him or her now!*

Ask your Delegate to support Del. Cline's Transparency goal and his bill [HB1677](#).

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House Rules Committee Members: Speaker Howell, Cox, Landes, Kilgore, Ware, Jones, Orrock, Knight, Ingram, Massie, Habeeb, Plum, Toscano, Carr:

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