



Support Voting At Home
Support [SB 1245](#) and [HB 1888](#)



Executive Summary

[SB 1245](#) and [HB 1888](#) will support [safe, secure, and convenient](#) voting. Access to the ballot box supports the integrity of our democracy. These bills will make permanent the temporary supports for absentee voting that the General Assembly passed for the November 2020 general election.

- **SB 1245** allows ballot drop off and curing of procedural errors on absentee ballots.
- **HB 1888** also updates the laws to reflect modern Virginia elections processes, adds accessibility for the visually impaired, provides that an emergency absentee ballot may be authorized for voters who cannot vote in person on Election Day due to the hospitalization, illness, or death of a loved one, and provides for ballot return postage.

Ballot drop off. Enabling voters to drop off voted ballots in sealed envelopes at designated locations will support **efficient, accessible, and safe voting**.

[40 states](#) have laws or orders enabling **absentee ballot drop off**, which the CISA-led [COVID Working Group](#) calls "**secure and convenient**"

- Not all voters cast absentee ballots by mail or in person. Some desire the assurance or timeliness of hand delivery or lack a residential address or reliable mail. Some do not have stamps. Some cannot vote in person during poll hours due to work, family responsibilities, or illness.
- Ballot drop off is supported by the [National Vote at Home Institute](#), [Campaign Legal Center](#), the [ACLU](#), and the [Brennan Center for Justice](#), among other organizations for good government.
- Ballots in Virginia are sent to the voter's address, trackable with bar codes, and signed under penalty of perjury by the voter.
- Many boxes were already obtained for the November election and can be used again.

Ballot curing

- Allowing voters to correct minor procedural errors **lets people make sure their vote counts**.
- [18 states](#), including Colorado, Georgia, Minnesota, and Utah, require notification of voters about minor procedural errors and permit voters to confirm the ballot is theirs and remedy the error.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports the right of every eligible voter to vote easily, safely, and securely. We urge you to cosponsor and vote for [SB 1245](#) and [HB 1888](#).