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**OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS  
1978**

GENERAL ELECTION

November 7, 1978

UNITED STATES SENATOR  
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

AND

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
AND  
PARI-MUTUEL BETTING REFERENDUM

PRIMARY ELECTION

June 13, 1978

MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

November 7, 1978

SENATE OF VIRGINIA  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
AND  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF VIRGINIA  
NINTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



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COUNTIES	FOR	AGAINST	FOR	AGAINST
Accomack . . . . .	3,764	2,325	2,571	4,295
Albemarle . . . . .	8,047	2,678	6,444	5,407
Alleghany . . . . .	1,868	1,113	974	2,200
Amelia . . . . .	1,229	577	1,110	1,070
Amherst . . . . .	3,497	1,710	2,198	3,589
Appomattox . . . . .	1,627	819	801	2,040
Arlington . . . . .	23,328	12,381	19,919	18,191
Augusta . . . . .	6,619	3,218	4,032	6,821
Bath . . . . .	933	346	479	854
Bedford County . . . . .	4,084	2,424	2,405	4,812
Bland . . . . .	1,043	587	505	1,217
Botetourt . . . . .	3,424	1,313	2,076	3,382
Brunswick . . . . .	1,887	721	1,573	1,552
Buchanan . . . . .	2,119	4,764	1,680	5,910
Buckingham . . . . .	1,584	818	1,102	1,579
Campbell . . . . .	5,257	2,730	3,150	5,884
Caroline . . . . .	1,450	771	1,586	1,236
Carroll . . . . .	3,009	2,136	1,819	4,140
Charles City . . . . .	794	234	732	481
Charlotte . . . . .	1,684	960	1,050	2,066
Chesterfield . . . . .	21,221	9,142	17,099	15,435
Clarke . . . . .	1,364	664	1,107	1,093
Craig . . . . .	756	391	417	818
Culpeper . . . . .	2,676	1,418	2,420	2,092
Cumberland . . . . .	949	424	798	798
Dickenson . . . . .	1,809	1,609	1,341	3,021
Dinwiddie . . . . .	2,685	1,218	2,207	2,066
Essex . . . . .	1,272	479	1,151	853
Fairfax County . . . . .	79,090	44,380	73,760	57,661
Fauquier . . . . .	3,632	1,678	3,389	2,695
Floyd . . . . .	810	1,103	722	1,318
Fluvanna . . . . .	1,204	548	972	1,041
Franklin County . . . . .	3,431	2,014	2,425	4,590
Frederick . . . . .	3,823	2,088	2,959	3,468
Giles . . . . .	2,118	1,353	1,216	3,079
Gloucester . . . . .	2,840	1,378	2,192	2,621
Goochland . . . . .	2,224	707	1,711	1,508
Grayson . . . . .	1,551	1,445	924	2,766
Greene . . . . .	734	402	720	689
Greensville . . . . .	1,282	533	987	1,086

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Halifax . . . . .	2,952	1,895	1,611	4,535
Hanover . . . . .	8,819	3,759	7,629	6,285
Henrico . . . . .	35,718	10,169	29,788	21,217
Henry . . . . .	4,297	3,235	2,362	6,823
Highland . . . . .	595	277	312	626
Isle of Wight . . . . .	3,143	1,428	2,172	2,775
James City . . . . .	3,119	1,156	2,242	2,338
King and Queen . . . . .	675	353	600	672
King George . . . . .	1,099	803	1,040	1,058
King William . . . . .	1,462	627	1,361	1,071
Lancaster . . . . .	1,897	863	1,611	1,628
Lee . . . . .	2,215	2,149	1,476	3,688
Loudoun . . . . .	7,449	3,543	6,607	5,064
Louisa . . . . .	2,122	858	1,968	1,603
Lunenburg . . . . .	1,758	806	1,318	1,519
Madison . . . . .	1,469	748	1,283	1,262
Mathews . . . . .	1,447	666	947	1,484
Mecklenburg . . . . .	3,428	1,476	2,300	3,304
Middlesex . . . . .	1,236	719	1,122	1,195
Montgomery . . . . .	6,487	3,229	3,965	6,985
Nelson . . . . .	1,575	692	1,148	1,434
New Kent . . . . .	1,239	555	1,155	787
Northampton . . . . .	1,761	756	1,503	1,339
Northumberland . . . . .	1,621	730	1,274	1,378
Nottoway . . . . .	2,023	772	1,761	1,603
Orange . . . . .	2,028	1,081	2,025	1,620
Page . . . . .	2,175	1,532	2,074	2,285
Patrick . . . . .	1,349	1,097	718	2,102
Pittsylvania . . . . .	4,673	4,222	2,809	8,027
Powhatan . . . . .	1,508	675	1,286	1,161
Prince Edward . . . . .	1,801	994	1,319	2,018
Prince George . . . . .	1,816	1,013	1,816	1,378
Prince William . . . . .	11,692	6,730	12,693	6,802
Pulaski . . . . .	3,478	1,850	1,882	4,404
Rappahannock . . . . .	936	527	841	725
Richmond County . . . . .	1,226	493	906	989
Roanoke County . . . . .	12,250	4,741	7,609	11,515
Rockbridge . . . . .	2,098	1,051	1,195	2,333
Rockingham . . . . .	6,913	4,489	4,544	7,994
Russell . . . . .	2,476	2,740	1,718	3,972
Scott . . . . .	2,074	2,055	1,302	3,319
Shenandoah . . . . .	3,913	2,921	2,907	4,673
Smyth . . . . .	3,650	2,861	2,159	4,796
Southampton . . . . .	2,394	939	1,676	2,235
Spotsylvania . . . . .	2,633	1,982	2,405	2,879
Stafford . . . . .	3,653	2,836	3,601	3,553

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Surry . . . . .	1,099	486	845	908
Sussex . . . . .	1,477	779	1,289	939
Tazewell . . . . .	4,091	2,583	1,995	5,419
Warren . . . . .	2,460	1,340	2,381	1,793
Washington . . . . .	4,186	2,955	2,540	5,986
Westmoreland . . . . .	1,607	725	1,622	1,202
Wise . . . . .	3,286	2,048	1,889	4,195
Wythe . . . . .	2,980	1,394	1,636	3,670
York . . . . .	5,255	2,462	3,681	4,641
<b>Total Counties. . . . .</b>	<b>413,501</b>	<b>219,464</b>	<b>328,641</b>	<b>374,630</b>
CITIES				
Alexandria . . . . .	10,836	6,475	10,271	8,680
Bedford City . . . . .	887	375	597	960
Bristol . . . . .	2,243	1,531	1,761	2,261
Buena Vista . . . . .	731	376	482	907
Charlottesville . . . . .	6,366	1,876	4,705	4,526
Chesapeake . . . . .	11,951	6,279	9,891	11,517
Clifton Forge . . . . .	854	337	500	823
Colonial Heights . . . . .	3,266	1,279	2,579	2,568
Covington . . . . .	1,040	922	706	1,422
Danville . . . . .	4,522	4,467	3,735	6,567
Emporia . . . . .	861	304	589	721
Fairfax City . . . . .	2,990	1,602	2,748	2,003
Falls Church . . . . .	2,087	973	1,736	1,482
Franklin City . . . . .	999	314	682	785
Fredericksburg . . . . .	2,023	977	1,745	1,686
Galax . . . . .	800	502	500	1,102
Hampton . . . . .	16,075	6,453	12,166	12,754
Harrisonburg . . . . .	2,419	1,012	1,614	2,200
Hopewell . . . . .	3,211	1,808	2,960	2,852
Lexington . . . . .	1,004	371	671	867
Lynchburg . . . . .	11,494	3,870	6,404	10,347
Manassas Park . . . . .	510	256	533	292
Manassas . . . . .	1,395	835	1,497	916
Martinsville . . . . .	2,506	1,438	1,525	2,924
Newport News . . . . .	19,393	9,304	14,631	17,557
Norfolk . . . . .	30,321	8,662	24,734	21,880
Norton . . . . .	515	207	352	444
Petersburg . . . . .	5,742	1,830	5,351	3,100
Poquoson . . . . .	1,219	726	813	1,320
Portsmouth . . . . .	14,430	5,945	11,531	12,029
Radford . . . . .	2,004	779	1,181	1,893
Richmond City . . . . .	43,707	7,216	34,553	20,059
Roanoke City . . . . .	15,745	4,566	10,092	13,311

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CITIES	FOR	AGAINST	FOR	AGAINST
Salem . . . . .	3,956	1,494	2,399	3,794
South Boston . . . . .	1,130	529	657	1,193
Staunton . . . . .	3,820	1,453	2,784	3,288
Suffolk . . . . .	6,791	3,118	4,927	6,411
Virginia Beach . . . . .	29,945	11,585	26,610	21,933
Waynesboro . . . . .	2,636	1,144	1,841	2,287
Williamsburg . . . . .	1,498	330	956	1,012
Winchester . . . . .	3,056	1,252	2,131	2,540
<b>Total Cities . . . . .</b>	<b>276,978</b>	<b>104,772</b>	<b>216,140</b>	<b>215,213</b>
<b>Total Counties . . . . .</b>	<b>413,501</b>	<b>219,464</b>	<b>328,641</b>	<b>374,630</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE . . . . .</b>	<b>690,479</b>	<b>324,236</b>	<b>544,781</b>	<b>589,843</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE OF VOTE . . . . .</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>51.9</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTE CAST . . . . .</b>	<b>1,014,715</b>		<b>1,134,624</b>	

## RECAPITULATION

The following Amendment to the Constitution of Virginia received a favorable majority of the votes cast and became part of the Constitution on January 1, 1979:

Section 6 of Article X

FOR 690,479  
AGAINST 324,236

Chapter 600 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1978 authorizing pari-mutuel betting on horse racing in the Commonwealth and providing for its regulation failed to receive a majority of the votes cast. This referendum was defeated:

FOR 544,781  
AGAINST 589,843

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**  
**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION – JUNE 13, 1978**

**FOR NOMINATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR**  
**MEMBER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

8th Congressional District	Robert E. Harris	Robert L. Thoburn	John F. (Jack) Herrity
Fairfax County (part of) . . . . .	2,254	3,734	7,315
Prince William . . . . .	303	799	626
Stafford (part of) . . . . .	8	14	16
Alexandria . . . . .	451	777	1,256
Manassas . . . . .	17	70	126
Manassas Park . . . . .	10	64	21
<b>TOTAL . . . . . 17,861</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>5,458</b>	<b>9,360</b>
Percentage of Vote . . . . .	17.0	31.0	52.0

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NOVEMBER 7, 1978

FOR UNEXPIRED TERM OF  
A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF VIRGINIA

28th Senatorial District		H. R. "Peck" Humphreys, Jr. (D)	M. A. "Al" Fagan (I)	John H. Chichester (R)	Write-In Votes
Caroline . . . . .		1,740	136	1,365	
Essex . . . . .		1,079	68	1,014	1
King George . . . . .		803	157	1,200	
Lancaster. . . . .		2,024	176	1,377	
Northumberland . .		1,674	145	1,376	
Richmond County .		991	86	873	
Spotsylvania . . . . .		2,208	447	2,724	
Stafford . . . . .		2,359	1,058	3,922	
Westmoreland . . . .		1,495	333	1,590	
Fredericksburg . . .		1,513	187	1,935	1
TOTAL. . . . .	36,057	15,886	2,793	17,376	2
Percentage of Vote. . . . .		44.0	7.7	48.1	

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9th Legislative District		James A. (Jim) Davis (D)		Bruce E. Welch (R)	Write-In Votes
Bedford County . . .		4,191		3,017	3
Franklin County . .		5,353		2,357	2
Rockbridge . . . . .		2,539		1,330	
Bedford City. . . . .		1,069		770	2
Buena Vista . . . . .		932		500	
Lexington . . . . .		943		628	
Lynchburg (part of)		162		225	
TOTAL . . . . .	24,023	15,189		8,827	7
Percentage of Vote. . . . .		63.2		36.7	











