

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS  
1979

GENERAL ELECTION  
November 6, 1979

MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SENATE OF VIRGINIA  
and  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES



PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
June 12, 1979

MEMBERS  
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SPECIAL ELECTIONS  
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HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
THIRTY-FIRST AND THIRTY-NINTH  
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS



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**OFFICIAL RESULTS  
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**MEMBER, SENATE OF VIRGINIA**

<b>1st Senatorial District</b>	* Hunter B. Andrews (D)			Write-In Votes
Hampton. . . . .	9,646			9
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 9,646			9
<b>2nd Senatorial District</b>	C. B. "Charlie" Covington, Jr. (D)	* Herbert H. Bateman (R)		Write-In Votes
Newport News (part of) . . . . .	10,324	10,972		1
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	10,324	† 10,972		1
<b>3rd Senatorial District</b>	* William E. "Bill" Fears (D)	Phillip R. Custis (R)		Write-In Votes
Accomack . . . . .	5,750	3,765		1
James City . . . . .	2,315	2,025		
Northampton . . . . .	2,299	1,947		
York . . . . .	3,435	3,673		
Newport News (part of) . . . . .	1,448	1,752		
Poquoson . . . . .	546	988		
Williamsburg. . . . .	735	730		2
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 16,528	14,880		3
<b>4th Senatorial District</b>	* Elmo G. Cross, Jr. (D)			Write-In Votes
Charles City . . . . .	967			
Gloucester . . . . .	3,264			
Goochland . . . . .	1,169			3
Hanover . . . . .	9,781			4
King and Queen . . . . .	924			
King William. . . . .	1,686			
Louisa . . . . .	2,236			
Mathews . . . . .	1,289			
Middlesex . . . . .	1,086			
New Kent . . . . .	1,543			
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 23,945			7

\* Denotes incumbent

† Denotes member elected

5th, 6th, 7th Senatorial District	* Peter K. Babalas (D)	* Joseph T. Fitzpatrick (D)	* Stanley C. Walker (D)	R. Wayne Nunnally (R)	Meyera E. Oberndorf (R)	G. William "Bill" Ralph (R)	Write- In Votes
Norfolk. . . . .	17,521	17,857	20,426	9,963	14,137	9,333	3
Virginia Beach (part of) . . . . .	3,375	3,401	3,826	3,698	6,074	3,439	
TOTAL. . . . .	† 20,896	† 21,258	† 24,252	13,661	20,211	12,772	3

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A petition contesting this election was filed in the Senate of Virginia by Meyera E. Oberndorf (§ 24.1-236 of the Code). The Senate denied the petition on February 21, 1980 but adopted the following results for the four candidates involved in the contest:

	Babalas	Fitzpatrick	Walker	Oberndorf
Norfolk Machine . . . . .	16,259	16,563	18,952	13,260
Norfolk Valid Paper Ballots . . . . .	843	886	1,025	644
Norfolk Total . . . . .	17,102	17,449	19,977	13,904
Virginia Beach (part of) . . . . .	3,375	3,401	3,826	6,074
TOTAL. . . . .	20,477	20,850	23,803	19,978

<b>8th Senatorial District</b>	Bruce G. Murphy (D)	* A. Joseph (Joe) Canada, Jr. (R)	Andrew L. Max (I)	Write- In Votes
Virginia Beach (part of) . . . . .	6,864	15,153	1,098	1
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>6,864</b>	<b>† 15,153</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>9th Senatorial District</b>	* L. Douglas Wilder (D)			Write- In Votes
Richmond City (part of) . . . . .	10,921			4
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 10,921</b>			<b>4</b>
<b>10th Senatorial District</b>	* Edward E. Wiley (D)		Howard H. Carwile (I)	Write- In Votes
Richmond City (part of) . . . . .	17,766		4,625	14
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 17,766</b>		<b>4,625</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>11th Senatorial District</b>	* Frederick T. Gray (D)			Write- In Votes
Chesterfield . . . . .	11,643			2
Henrico. . . . .	5,495			
Richmond City (part of) . . . . .	1,482			2
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 18,620</b>			<b>4</b>
<b>12th Senatorial District</b>	* William F. Parkerson, Jr. (D)			Write- In Votes
Henrico (part of) . . . . .	22,133			2
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 22,133</b>			<b>2</b>

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<b>13th Senatorial District</b>	<b>*Willard J. Moody (D)</b>			<b>Write-In Votes</b>
Portsmouth . . . . .	8,128			451
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 8,128</b>			<b>451</b>
<b>14th Senatorial District</b>	<b>William T. Parker (D)</b>	<b>Carlton E. Smith (R)</b>		<b>Write-In Votes</b>
Chesapeake . . . . .	10,425	5,144		4
Suffolk (part of) . . . . .	695	389		
Virginia Beach (part of) . . . . .	1,622	1,078		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 12,742</b>	<b>6,611</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>15th Senatorial District</b>	<b>Richard J. Holland (D)</b>			<b>Write-In Votes</b>
Dinwiddie . . . . .	3,770			
Greensville . . . . .	1,015			
Isle of Wight . . . . .	4,127			
Southampton . . . . .	3,324			
Emporia . . . . .	669			
Franklin . . . . .	712			4
Petersburg (part of) . . . . .	141			
Suffolk (part of) . . . . .	1,915			4
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 15,673</b>			<b>8</b>
<b>16th Senatorial District</b>	<b>* Elmon T. Gray (D)</b>			<b>Write-In Votes</b>
Prince George . . . . .	2,067			1
Surry . . . . .	1,936			
Sussex . . . . .	2,437			4
Colonial Heights. . . . .	766			
Hopewell. . . . .	853			6
Petersburg (part of) . . . . .	3,417			11
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 11,476</b>			<b>22</b>

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<b>17th Senatorial District</b>	<b>* James T. Edmunds (D)</b>	<b>Eva F. Scott (R)</b>		<b>Write-In Votes</b>
Amelia . . . . .	1,621	1,577		
Brunswick . . . . .	3,106	1,677		
Chesterfield (part of) . . . . .	2,530	6,160		1
Cumberland . . . . .	1,097	937		
Lunenburg . . . . .	1,944	1,632		
Mecklenburg . . . . .	3,389	2,382		
Nottoway . . . . .	2,298	2,036		
Powhatan . . . . .	1,760	1,930		
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>17,745</b>	<b>† 18,331</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>18th Senatorial District</b>	<b>* Howard P. Anderson (D)</b>			<b>Write-In Votes</b>
Appomattox . . . . .	1,206			
Buckingham . . . . .	1,589			
Campbell (part of) . . . . .	2,993			
Charlotte . . . . .	1,884			
Halifax . . . . .	4,623			1
Prince Edward . . . . .	2,132			
Lynchburg (part of) . . . . .	953			1
South Boston . . . . .	1,432			3
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>† 16,812</b>			<b>5</b>
<b>19th Senatorial District</b>	<b>* Coleman B. Yeatts (D)</b>	<b>W. Onico Barker (R)</b>		<b>Write-In Votes</b>
Campbell (part of) . . . . .	1,536	849		
Pittsylvania . . . . .	6,898	6,584		
Danville . . . . .	4,081	7,848		2
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>12,515</b>	<b>† 15,281</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>20th Senatorial District</b>	<b>* Virgil H. Goode, Jr. (D)</b>			<b>Write-In Votes</b>
Franklin . . . . .	6,647			
Henry . . . . .	9,313			3
Patrick . . . . .	3,916			
Martinsville . . . . .	2,903			
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>† 22,779</b>			<b>3</b>

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<b>21st Senatorial District</b>	* William B. Hopkins (D)	Ray L. Garland (R)		Write-In Votes
Roanoke County (part of) . . . .	2,871	4,016		1
Roanoke City (part of) . . . . .	8,480	9,799		1
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>11,351</b>	<b>† 13,815</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>22nd Senatorial District</b>	* Dudley J. "Buzz" Emick, Jr. (D)	Brad E. Mullins (R)		Write-In Votes
Alleghany . . . . .	2,592	824		
Bath . . . . .	963	626		
Botetourt . . . . .	4,008	1,258		
Roanoke County (part of) . . . .	6,197	2,876		1
Clifton Forge . . . . .	583	227		
Covington . . . . .	1,358	526		
Roanoke City (part of) . . . . .	1,647	683		
Salem . . . . .	2,979	1,889		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 20,327</b>	<b>8,909</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>23rd Senatorial District</b>	* Elliot S. Schewel (D)			Write-In Votes
Amherst . . . . .	4,772			
Bedford County . . . . .	3,961			1
Bedford City . . . . .	725			2
Lynchburg (part of) . . . . .	6,585			14
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 16,043</b>			<b>17</b>
<b>24th Senatorial District</b>	* Frank W. Nolen (D)	Lois J. Kindt (R)		Write-In Votes
Augusta . . . . .	6,926	4,339		5
Highland . . . . .	823	366		
Rockbridge . . . . .	2,400	1,045		
Buena Vista . . . . .	812	410		
Lexington . . . . .	747	484		
Staunton . . . . .	2,369	1,782		2
Waynesboro . . . . .	1,774	1,845		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 15,851</b>	<b>10,271</b>		<b>7</b>

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<b>25th Senatorial District</b>	* J. Harry Michael, Jr. (D)		Robert Lynwood Coffman (I)	Write- In Votes
Albemarle . . . . .	8,046		2,074	6
Fluvanna . . . . .	1,414		474	
Greene . . . . .	868		304	
Nelson . . . . .	2,434		482	
Orange . . . . .	2,756		786	
Charlottesville . . . . .	6,123		880	8
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	† 21,641		5,000	14
<b>26th Senatorial District</b>	W. E. "Ernie" Schlabach (D)	* Nathan H. Miller (R)		Write- In Votes
Culpeper . . . . .	752	2,535		
Madison . . . . .	842	1,325		
Page . . . . .	2,972	2,823		
Rappahannock . . . . .	622	1,184		
Rockingham . . . . .	5,786	5,969		
Harrisonburg . . . . .	1,478	1,766		
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	12,452	† 15,602		0
<b>27th Senatorial District</b>	Donald W. Patterson, Jr. (D)	* William A. Truban (R)		Write- In Votes
Clarke . . . . .	1,029	1,041		
Fauquier . . . . .	4,689	2,696		
Frederick . . . . .	2,738	4,425		
Shenandoah . . . . .	2,701	6,590		
Warren . . . . .	2,030	2,286		
Winchester . . . . .	1,470	2,326		
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	14,657	† 19,364		0

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<b>28th Senatorial District</b>	Robert W. Ackerman (D)	* John H. Chichester (R)		Write-In Votes
Caroline . . . . .	1,801	1,498		
Essex . . . . .	559	1,426		
King George . . . . .	612	1,825		
Lancaster . . . . .	799	2,457		
Northumberland . . . . .	550	2,363		
Richmond . . . . .	297	884		
Spotsylvania . . . . .	4,077	2,725		
Stafford . . . . .	2,434	5,108		1
Westmoreland . . . . .	979	2,310		
Fredericksburg . . . . .	942	2,044		6
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>13,050</b>	<b>† 22,640</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>29th Senatorial District</b>	*Charles J. Colgan (D)			Write-In Votes
Prince William . . . . .	13,570			48
Manassas . . . . .	1,534			9
Manassas Park . . . . .	469			
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 15,573</b>			<b>57</b>
<b>30th Senatorial District</b>		* Wiley F. Mitchell, Jr. (R)		Write-In Votes
Alexandria . . . . .		9,171		23
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>		<b>† 9,171</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>31st Senatorial District</b>	* Edward M. Holland (D)	Allen H. Harrison, Jr. (R)	Richard E. Gardiner (I)	Write-In Votes
Arlington (part of) . . . . .	8,871	5,161	1,265	2
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 8,871</b>	<b>5,161</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>32nd Senatorial District</b>	* Clive L. DuVal 2d (D)	Stephen B. "Steve" Grey (R)		Write-In Votes
Arlington (part of) . . . . .	8,889	5,177		
Fairfax County (part of) . . . . .	6,330	3,747		
Falls Church . . . . .	1,248	629		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>† 16,467</b>	<b>9,553</b>		<b>0</b>

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<b>33rd Senatorial District</b>	* Charles L. Waddell (D)	Thomas D. Rust (R)		Write-In Votes
Fairfax County (part of) . . . . .	11,488	12,883		
Loudoun . . . . .	7,392	4,971		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 18,880	17,854		0
<b>34th Senatorial District</b>	* Adelard L. Brault (D)	John M. Thoburn (R)		Write-In Votes
Fairfax County (part of) . . . . .	9,289	7,578		
Fairfax City . . . . .	1,915	1,324		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 11,204	8,902		0
<b>35th Senatorial District</b>	Richard L. Saslaw (D)	James R. Tate (R)		Write-In Votes
Fairfax County (part of) . . . . .	15,735	14,060		3
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 15,735	14,060		3
<b>36th Senatorial District</b>	* Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr. (D)	John B. Watkins, IV (R)		Write-In Votes
Fairfax County (part of) . . . . .	10,156	7,843		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 10,156	7,843		0
<b>37th Senatorial District</b> * (Recount)	* Madison E. Marye (D)	Edwin C. Stone (R)		Write-In Votes
Carroll . . . . .	3,685	4,053		
Floyd . . . . .	1,746	1,563		
Grayson . . . . .	3,034	2,810		
Montgomery . . . . .	4,819	4,434		
Galax . . . . .	905	720		
Radford . . . . .	1,190	1,790		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 15,379	15,370		0

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\* Results of recount held on December 28, 1979 in Montgomery County Circuit Court upon the appeal of Mr. Stone ( §24.1-249 of the Code).

<b>38th Senatorial District</b>	* Daniel W. (Danny) Bird, Jr. (D)	Charles L. Tyer (R)		Write- In Votes
Bland . . . . .	1,846	454		1
Craig . . . . .	1,442	338		
Giles . . . . .	4,663	1,201		
Pulaski . . . . .	6,177	1,850		1
Tazewell . . . . .	6,680	3,108		
Wythe . . . . .	5,485	1,620		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 26,293	8,571		2
<b>39th Senatorial District</b>	* Frederick C. "Rick" Boucher (D)	Charles David Counts (R)		Write- In Votes
Russell (part of) . . . . .	2,477	1,779		
Scott . . . . .	4,413	2,682		
Smyth . . . . .	6,174	3,139		
Washington . . . . .	5,745	3,851		
Bristol . . . . .	721	348		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 19,530	11,799		0
<b>40th Senatorial District</b>	* John Chalkley Buchanan (D)	H. Ronnie Montgomery (R)		Write- In Votes
Buchanan . . . . .	4,525	3,758		1
Dickenson . . . . .	3,866	3,607		
Lee . . . . .	3,011	5,732		
Russell (part of) . . . . .	2,633	2,068		
Wise . . . . .	5,978	3,885		
Norton . . . . .	527	330		
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	† 20,540	19,380		1

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<b>1st Legislative District</b> (2 Members)								Write- In Votes
Dickenson . . . . .								5
Lee . . . . .								3
Scott . . . . .								6
Wise . . . . .								
Norton . . . . .								
TOTAL. . . . .								14
<b>2nd Legislative District</b> (2 Members)								Write- In Votes
Smyth . . . . .								
Washington . . . . .								
Bristol . . . . .								
TOTAL. . . . .								0
<b>3rd Legislative District</b> (2 Members)								Write- In Votes
Buchanan . . . . .								
Russell . . . . .								
Tazewell . . . . .								
TOTAL. . . . .								0

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<b>4th Legislative District</b> (1 Member)										Write- In Votes
Bland . . . . .										
Grayson . . . . .										4
Wythe . . . . .										
Galax . . . . .										
TOTAL . . . . .										
				*A. A. "Archie" Campbell (D)				Fred M. Bennington (R)		
				1,654				608		
				3,093				2,828		
				4,708				2,318		
				861				762		
				† 10,316				6,516		
<b>5th Legislative District</b> (1 Member)										Write- In Votes
Craig . . . . .										
Giles . . . . .										
Pulaski . . . . .										
TOTAL . . . . .										0
				Blair B. Brockmeyer (D)				*C. Jefferson Stafford (R)		
				934				807		
				1,636				4,331		
				4,827				3,326		
				7,397				† 8,464		
<b>6th Legislative District</b> (2 Members)										Write- In Votes
Carroll . . . . .										
Floyd . . . . .										
Montgomery . . . . .										
Radford . . . . .										
TOTAL . . . . .										6
				H. T. "Tom" Mullis (D)				* Jerry H. Geisler (R)		
				3,198				4,487		
				1,214				1,529		
				4,839				4,529		
				1,816				1,275		
				11,067				† 11,820		
								† 12,589		

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<b>7th Legislative District</b> (2 Members)				Clifton A. "Chip" Woodrum (D)		Elizabeth T. Bowles (R)	Mary F. (Beth) Brooks (R)	Write- In Votes
Roanoke City (part of) . . . . .		* A. Victor "Vic" Thomas (D)	11,658	10,130	7,397	3,911	1	
TOTAL. . . . .		† 11,658	† 10,130		7,397	3,911	1	
<b>8th Legislative District</b> (2 Members)				Bob L. Johnson (D)		Ronkeith Adkins (R)	*Raymond R. Robrecht (R)	Write- In Votes
Roanoke County . . . . .		* C. Richard Cranwell (D)	10,466	5,682	3,434	11,193		
Roanoke City (part of) . . . . .			1,892	1,178	645	1,836		
Salem. . . . .			2,983	2,134	1,000	3,468		
TOTAL. . . . .		† 15,341	8,994		5,079	† 16,497	0	
<b>9th Legislative District</b> (2 Members)				Wilford P. Ramsey (D)			* Lacey E. Putney (I)	Write- In Votes
Bedford County . . . . .		James A. (Jim) Davis (D)	2,600	1,543		4,780	1	
Franklin County . . . . .			5,471	2,446		3,576		
Rockbridge . . . . .			2,190	1,583		2,373		
Bedford City . . . . .			650	356		1,117	2	
Buena Vista . . . . .			672	869		855		
Lexington . . . . .			781	560		836	1	
Lynchburg (part of) . . . . .			88	50		209		
TOTAL. . . . .		† 12,452	7,407			† 13,746	4	

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10th Legislative District (1 Member)	* William T. "Bill" Wilson (D)	Robert E. (Bob) Thomas, Jr. (R)	Write- In Votes
Allegheny . . . . .	2,874	913	
Botetourt . . . . .	2,886	2,127	
Clifton Forge . . . . .	653	249	
Covington . . . . .	1,543	566	
TOTAL . . . . .	† 7,956	3,855	0
11th Legislative District (2 Members)	* Joan S. Jones (D)	Virgil A. Coleman (R)	Write- In Votes
Amherst . . . . .	3,567	2,489	1
Nelson . . . . .	2,415	827	3
Lynchburg (part of) . . . . .	5,499	2,579	3
TOTAL . . . . .	† 11,481	5,895	4
12th Legislative District (1 Member)	* Joseph P. (Joe) Crouch (R)	Write- In Votes	Write- In Votes
Campbell . . . . .	5,708		2
Lynchburg (part of) . . . . .	1,103		
TOTAL . . . . .	† 6,811		2

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<b>13th Legislative District</b> (3 Members)	<b>* A. L. Philpott</b> (D)	<b>* Claude V. Swanson</b> (D)	<b>* Mary Sue Terry</b> (D)	<b>Charles R. Hawkins</b> (R)	<b>J. Randolph Smith, Jr.</b> (R)	<b>Write-In</b> Votes
Henry . . . . .	8,065	6,862	8,330	3,510	3,874	5
Patrick . . . . .	3,712	3,441	4,570	1,459	1,255	1
Pittsylvania . . . . .	7,385	7,262	7,843	5,577	2,455	
Martinsville . . . . .	2,848	2,255	2,987	1,484	1,754	
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>† 22,010</b>	<b>† 19,820</b>	<b>† 23,730</b>	<b>12,030</b>	<b>9,338</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>14th Legislative District</b> (1 Member)			<b>* Calvin W. Fowler</b> (D)			<b>Write-In</b> Votes
Danville . . . . .			7,417			2
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>			<b>† 7,417</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>15th Legislative District</b> (2 Members)			<b>* Erwin S. "Shad" Solomon</b> (D)		<b>* A. R. "Pete" Giesen, Jr.</b> (R)	<b>Write-In</b> Votes
Augusta . . . . .			6,199		6,481	6
Bath . . . . .			1,418		690	3
Highland . . . . .			800		715	4
Staunton . . . . .			2,514		2,583	
Waynesboro . . . . .			1,872		2,217	1
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>			<b>† 12,803</b>		<b>† 12,686</b>	<b>14</b>

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