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Virginia Redistricting Referendum

In 2025, Republican-led states across the country initiated mid-cycle redistricting of their congressional maps. For example, last summer, Texas Governor Greg Abbott agreed to include redistricting on his special session agenda after discussing the matter with the president on a phone call, reported The Texas Tribune. These actions were probably to make it easier for Republicans to maintain control of the House in the upcoming midterm elections.

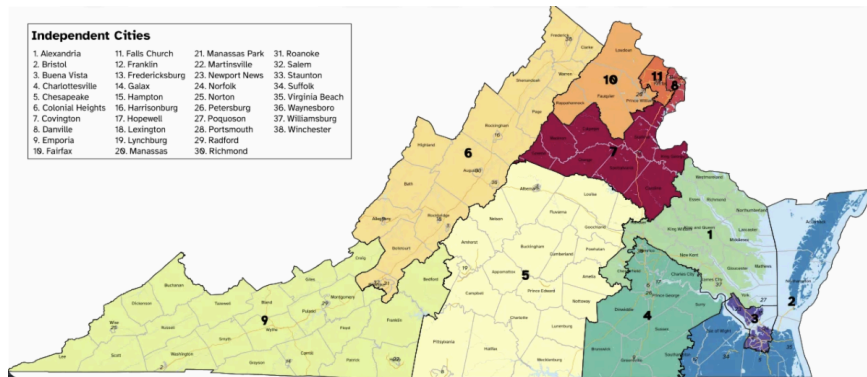
On February 5, 2026, Democratic leaders in the Virginia House of Delegates and State Senate announced their intent to join the fight to

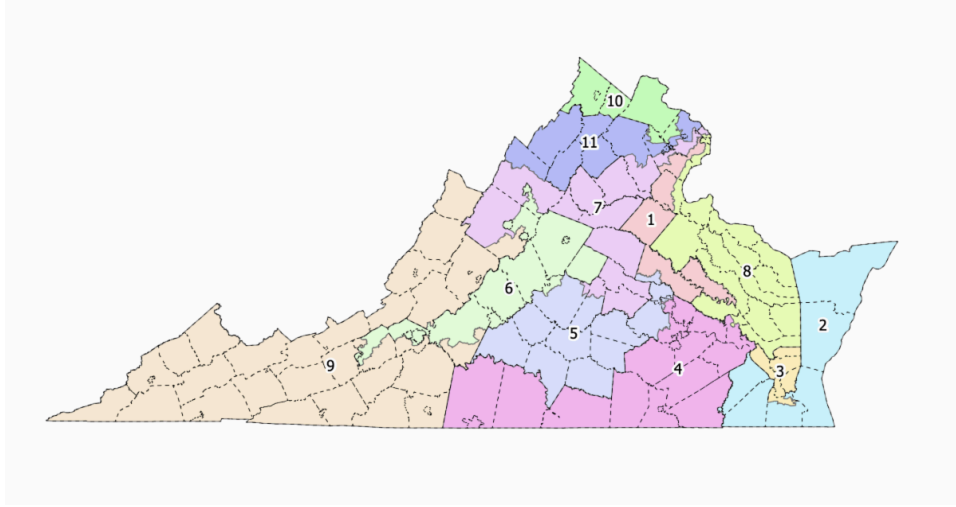
maintain the fairness of elections. They revealed new maps that would temporarily shift Virginia's congressional delegation from 7 Democratic seats, 3 Republican seats, and 1 competitive seat, to 10 Democratic seats and 1 Republican seat (map below).

To enact these changes, Virginia voters must approve the map alteration for the rest of the decade. In 2030, when redistricting is *meant* to happen due to the census, Virginia's independent commission will once again draw the lines. Such a change of the rules is simply to respond to the anti-democratic legislation passed by other states.

Voting for the redistricting referendum is set for *April 21*. If the proposed changes are passed, Charlottesville would **move from the 5th Congressional District to the 6th Congressional District**, stretching from northern Albemarle County to Blacksburg. Governor Spanberger won this district by a whopping 11.6 percent, meaning that our area would move out of some solidly Republican boundaries to more solidly Democratic ones.

On April 21, it is imperative that we VOTE YES. Polls open at 6 AM, and you can vote until 7 PM. To find your polling location, use [this helpful map](#).





Early Voting - Vote "YES" for Fair Elections

Early voting is already underway. We encourage you to VOTE YES as soon as possible. Below is early voting information:

Election Information

NEXT ELECTION	April 21, Special Election (on Redistricting)
EARLY VOTING BEGINS	March 6, 2026
CLOSE OF BOOKS	April 14, 2026
LAST DATE TO APPLY FOR MAIL BALLOT	April 10, 2026

From the Charlottesville Board of Elections:

"In-Person Early Voting will be available at the following location for the April 21 Special Election:

Office of Voter Registration and Elections
City Hall Annex, 120 7th St. NE, Room 142

Voting will begin Friday, March 6, at the office and will continue, Monday through Friday, until Friday, April 17, from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

The office will also be open on Saturdays, April 11 and April 18, from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

The City of Charlottesville Ballot Drop Box is available 24/7, beginning on Friday, March 6, 2026. It is located directly outside of our office and is marked 'City of Charlottesville Official Ballot Drop Box.'"

Candidate Coffeehouse - April 12

Join Cville and Albemarle Dems on April 12 to meet fellow Democrats and three candidates for the Fifth Congressional District: Tom Perriello, Rob Tracinski, and Suzanne Krzyzanowski. We will discuss our current political landscape and the road ahead.

This is a great opportunity to connect with other members and to learn more about the candidates' positions on issues that matter most to you.

1. This event will be held from 12 PM to 2 PM at FIREFLY Restaurant and Game House (1304 E Market St). To register, please reserve a ticket at [this link](#). See you there!

Free 'Vote Yes' Signs

Cville Dems has *lots* of yard and barn signs —especially important on high traffic roads. Yard signs are on the front porch of Nancy Damon's home (2407 Jefferson Park Avenue). Take one or two!

If anyone would like a 4x4 sign, please contact cville Dems chair@gmail.com. Below is a 4x4:



Cville Dems Referendum Action

Cville Dems is excited to announce our weekly events to urge voters to vote 'YES.' We encourage everyone to attend and make a difference!

Thursday — Phone and Text Banking. Every Thursday, from 6 PM to 8 PM, we will meet inside Brazo Tacos at Ix Park, 925 2nd Street SE, to text and call voters targeted by Rural GroundGame and Virginians

for Fair Elections. This is a great chance to have real conversations to convince fellow voters of what is at stake.

Upcoming Events

- **April 12** - Candidate Coffeehouse
 - **April 18** - Early voting ends for the Redistricting Referendum
 - **April 21** - Redistricting Referendum Election Day
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Partner Organizations

Our friends the [UVA Dems](#), [Albemarle Dems](#), [Greene County Dems](#), [Nelson County Dems](#), and the [Charlottesville Area Young Democrats](#) are doing good things too, check them out!

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