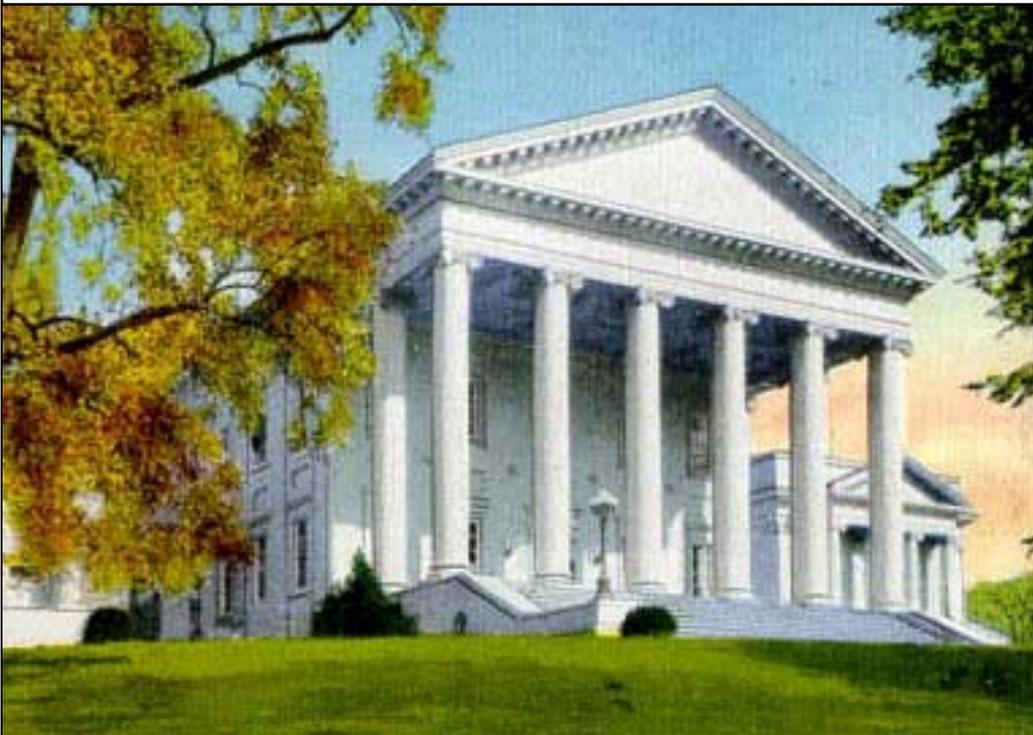


VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



2006 SESSION SUMMARY

Published by the Division of Legislative Services

The summaries that appear in this publication were prepared by the attorneys and research associates of the Division of Legislative Services.

E.M. Miller, Jr., *Director*
Stephanie A. Bishop, *Assistant to the Director*

Business and Jurisprudence Section

C. William Crammé III, *Manager*
Brenda C. Dickerson, *Senior Operations Staff Assistant*
Iris A. Fuentes, *Senior Operations Staff Assistant*
Patricia Davis, *Staff Attorney*
Jessica Eades, *Research Associate*
Mary Kate Felch, *Senior Research Associate*
Jescey D. French, *Senior Attorney*
D. Robie Ingram, *Senior Attorney*
Franklin D. Munyan, *Senior Attorney*
Gregory T. O'Halloran, *Staff Attorney*
Kathleen M. Shuey, *Staff Attorney*

Finance and Government Section

John A. Garka, *Manager*
Darlene D. Jordan, *Operations Staff Assistant*
Stephanie A. Bishop, *Research Associate*
Maria J. K. Everett, *Executive Director, FOIA Council*
Martin G. Farber, *Senior Research Associate*
Michael J. Flaherty, *Staff Attorney*
Alan Gernhardt, *Staff Attorney*
Joan E. Putney, *Senior Attorney*
David Rosenberg, *Senior Attorney*
Jeffrey F. Sharp, *Senior Attorney*
Kevin M. Stokes, *Staff Attorney*
Mark Vucci, *Senior Attorney*
Amigo R. Wade, *Senior Attorney*
Alan B. Wambold, *Senior Research Associate*

Rules, Education, Elections & Special Projects Section

Robert J. Austin, *Manager*
Gwen Foley, *Senior Operations Staff Assistant*
Lisa Gilmer, *Senior Staff Assistant*
Martha B. Brissette, *Staff Attorney*
Patrick A. Cushing, *Staff Attorney*
Brenda H. Edwards, *Senior Research Associate*
Elizabeth Palen, *Research Associate*
Kendall C. Patterson, *Chief Editor*
Lea Ann Robertson, *Assistant Editor*
Nicole M. Seeds, *Staff Attorney*
Mary R. Spain, *Senior Attorney*
Bryan Stogdale, *Staff Attorney*
Norma E. Szakal, *Senior Attorney*
Mindy Tanner, *Editorial and Research Assistant*
Lynda L. Waddill, *Research Associate*
Lisa Wallmeyer, *Executive Director, JCOTS*

Produced by the Special Projects Section of the Division of Legislative Services

The Division of Legislative Services acknowledges the assistance of the staff of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems, particularly the following individuals:

Larry Garton *Senior Systems Analyst*
Barbara A. Timberlake *Publications Coordinator*

Preface

This publication presents a summary of legislation considered by the Virginia General Assembly at the 2006 Session. Bill summaries are arranged by subject areas corresponding to the appropriate titles in the Code of Virginia. Noncodified bills of a substantive nature are also contained under their proper subject headings. Within each heading, the material is further separated into *Passed*, *Failed*, and *Carried Over* categories. (The General Assembly sometimes incorporates provisions from several bills in one substitute bill. Thus a bill may have failed, but all or some of its provisions have been "incorporated" in another bill. The summary for the bill will so note.) Bills affecting more than one title are printed under the dominant subject area of the legislation.

Other headings contain constitutional amendment resolutions, certain miscellaneous resolutions, charter and authority bills, and miscellaneous noncodified bills. A final category lists studies approved by the General Assembly. An index shows the page number on which the summary of a particular bill may be found.

The major substantive provisions of each measure are summarized. The appropriate bill number and patron are also noted so that one can obtain further information, if needed. A researcher should refer to the enrolled bill, the appropriate chapter of the 2006 Acts of Assembly, or the Legislative Information System on the Internet (<http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>) for detailed information on legislation.

These summaries reflect actions of the regular session of the 2006 General Assembly through adjournment *sine die* on March 11, 2006. Many of the measures are subject to gubernatorial review and veto. Therefore, some measures may be amended and some may not become law.

This document represents many hours of work and the concerted efforts of all Division of Legislative Services staff. Lisa Gilmer, Senior Staff Assistant, deserves specific mention for coordinating and producing the document. I hope you will join me in thanking the staff for its dedicated service to the legislative process. A special word of thanks goes to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems, which provided technical and printing assistance that contributed greatly to the success of this publication.

E. M. Miller, Jr.
Director, Division of Legislative Services

2006 SESSION SUMMARY

	Introduced	Continued	Passed	Failed
House Bills	1614	193	619	802
House Joint Resolutions	556	36	462	58
House Resolutions	42	0	39	3
House Total	2212	229	1120	863
<hr/>				
Senate Bills	732	110	339	283
Senate Joint Resolutions	306	19	253	34
Senate Resolutions	36	0	36	0
Senate Total	1074	129	628	317
<hr/>				
General Assembly Total	3286	358	1748	1180

Contents

1	Administration of Government
13	Agriculture, Horticulture and Food
15	Alcoholic Beverage Control Act
18	Aviation
18	Banking and Finance
20	Civil Remedies and Procedure
23	Commercial Code / Negotiable Instruments
23	Commonwealth Public Safety
26	Conservation
29	Contracts
30	Corporations
31	Counties, Cities and Towns
42	Courts Not of Record
44	Courts of Record
46	Crimes and Offenses Generally
61	Criminal Procedure
68	Domestic Relations
70	Education
81	Educational Institutions
88	Elections
95	Eminent Domain
96	Fiduciaries Generally
96	Fire Protection
96	Fisheries and Habitat of the Tidal Waters
97	Game, Inland Fisheries and Boating
99	General Assembly
102	General Provisions of Virginia Code
102	Guardian and Ward
102	Health
109	Highways, Bridges and Ferries
118	Homestead and Other Exemptions
118	Hotels, Restaurants, Summer Camps and Campgrounds

Contents

118	Housing
120	Institutions for the Mentally Ill; Mental Health Generally
121	Insurance
125	Juvenile Justice
125	Labor and Employment
126	Libraries
127	Military and Emergency Laws
128	Mines and Mining
129	Motor Vehicles
141	Pensions, Benefits and Retirement
144	Persons with Disabilities
145	Police (State)
145	Prisons and Other Methods of Correction
148	Professions and Occupations
154	Property and Conveyances
157	Public Service Companies
162	Religious and Charitable Matters; Cemeteries
162	State Corporation Commission
162	Taxation
181	Trade and Commerce
182	Unemployment Compensation
183	Waters of the State, Ports and Harbors
184	Welfare (Social Services)
188	Wills and Decedents' Estates
188	Workers' Compensation
189	Constitutional Amendments
195	Other Resolutions
197	Miscellaneous (Including Budget and Bonds)
198	Study Resolutions
208	Charters and Authorities