

2020 Virginia Legislative Update



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2019 vs. 2020 Legislation

2019 Legislation

Bills Introduced: **2,362** (excluding commending & memorializing resolutions)

Bills Passed: **950** (401 with opposition, 549 unanimous)

Bills Killed: **1,311**

2020 Legislation

Bills Introduced: **3,001** (excluding commending & memorializing resolutions)

Bills Passed: **1,351** (840 with opposition, 511 unanimous)

Bills Killed: **981**

2019 vs. 2020 Legislation Cont.

Similar Bills, Different Fates

- Ideas that went nowhere when Republicans controlled the Virginia legislature are now moving forward under Democrats. There were 88 bills killed in committee last year that -- by the halfway point of this year -- made it to the House or Senate floor (Source: VPAP).

- HB 153 (Carter) & SB 426 (Saslaw) - **Right to Work/Fair Share Fees**: Bills this year ranged from the repeal of RTW to Fair Share Fees which would require non-union employees to pay a "fair share fee" to cover the costs of the union's collective bargaining activities. Both repeal of RTW and Fair Share have been defeated.

DEFEATED

2019 vs. 2020 Legislation Cont.

Similar Bills, Different Fates

- HB 358 (Lopez) & SB 182 (Saslaw) - **Project Labor Agreements**: Legislation passed the General Assembly could allow the increased use of project labor agreements on transportation construction projects statewide. The legislation ends the "neutrality" language of the existing law. **PASSED and Amended during Veto Session to delay implementation until May 1, 2021**
- HB 582 (Guzman) & SB 939 (Saslaw) – **Collective Bargaining**: Legislation allows for a local option for local employees to enter into collective bargaining. **PASSED and Amended during Veto Session to delay implementation until May 1, 2021**

2019 vs. 2020 Legislation Cont.

Similar Bills, Different Fates

- HB 395 (Ward) & SB 7 (Saslaw) – **Minimum Wage**: Beginning on January 1, 2021 the minimum wage will increase to \$9.50 per hour, from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023 the minimum wage will be \$11 per hour, and from January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2025 the minimum wage will be \$12 per hour. **PASSED and Amended during Veto Session to delay implementation until May 1, 2021**

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Similar Bills, Different Fates

- HB 77 (Rasoul) – **Green New Deal Act** : Fossil fuel projects moratorium and clean energy mandates. **DEFEATED**

- HB 1526 (Sullivan) & SB 851 (McClellan) – **Virginia Clean Economy Act** : Establishes a schedule by which Dominion Energy Virginia and American Electric Power are required to retire electric generating units located in the Commonwealth (Clover and Virginia City by 2045). **PASSED**

What's Next?

- **Revenue Reforecast by the Secretary of Finance – June/July**
- **Special Session to Address COVID – 19 Implications – Late Summer/Early Fall**
- **Governor's Proposed Budget – December 2020**
- **Session Begins 2021 – January 13, 2021**