

Virginia Constitutional Amendments On the November 2026 Ballot

Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment (2026)

Link to [Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment \(2026\)](#)

Summary: **Constitutional amendment (second reference); marriage between two adult persons; repeal of same-sex marriage prohibition; affirmative right to marry.** Repeals the constitutional provision defining marriage as only a union between one man and one woman as well as the related provisions that are no longer valid as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. 644 (2015). The amendment prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from denying the issuance of a marriage license to two adult persons seeking a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of such persons. The Commonwealth and its political subdivisions are required to recognize any lawful marriage between two adult persons and to treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such persons.

A "**yes**" vote supports amending the state constitution to:

Remove a provision that states *marriage is between one man and one woman*; add a provision stating that "*marriage is one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness*;" and *prohibit the state from denying a marriage license to two adults based on their sex, gender, or race.*

A "**no**" vote opposes *amending the state constitution*, thus maintaining that marriage is defined *only as a union between one man and one woman.*

Committee that Supports: [Virginians for Marriage Equality](#)

[Volunteer for Virginians for Marriage Equality](#)

Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment (2026)

Link to [Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment \(2026\) Amendment](#)

Summary: **Constitutional amendment (second reference); fundamental right to reproductive freedom.** Provides that every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom and that such right shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest, as defined in the amendment, and achieved by the least restrictive means. The amendment specifies that, notwithstanding the other provisions of the amendment, the Commonwealth may regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester, provided that in no circumstance shall the Commonwealth prohibit an abortion (i) that in the professional judgment of a physician is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual or (ii) when in the professional judgment of a physician the fetus is not viable.

A "**yes**" vote supports adding a section to the state constitution that establishes a *right to reproductive freedom*.

A "**no**" vote opposes amending the state constitution and establishing a *right to reproductive freedom*.

Committee that Supports: [Virginians for Reproductive Freedom](#)

[Virginians for Reproductive Freedom Press Kit](#)

Virginia Voting Rights Restoration for Felons Upon Release Amendment (2026)

Link to [Virginia Voting Rights Restoration for Felons Upon Release Amendment \(2026\)](#)

Summary: **Constitutional amendment (second reference); qualifications of voters and the right to vote; persons not entitled to vote.** Provides that every person who meets the qualifications of voters set forth in the Constitution shall have the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth and that such right shall not be abridged by law, except for persons who have been convicted of a felony and persons who have been adjudicated to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting. A person who has been convicted of a felony shall not be entitled to vote during any period of incarceration for such felony conviction, but upon release from incarceration for that felony conviction and without further action required of him such person shall be invested with all political rights, including the right to vote. Currently, in order to be qualified to vote a person convicted of a felony must have his civil rights restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority. The amendment also provides that a person adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction as lacking the capacity to understand the act of voting shall not be entitled to vote during this period of incapacity until his capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law. Currently, the Constitution provides that a person who has been adjudicated to be mentally incompetent is not qualified to vote until his competency is reestablished.

A "**yes**" vote supports amending the Virginia Constitution to provide that persons convicted of felonies lose their right to vote only while incarcerated and have their political rights, including voting, restored upon release from incarceration.

A "**no**" vote opposes amending the Virginia Constitution, maintaining that persons convicted of felonies lose their right to vote unless their civil rights are restored by the governor.

Committee that Supports: Virginians for the Right to Vote

[Press Release: Virginia Right to Vote coalition will work to amend Virginia's constitution to protect voting rights](#)

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Prince William County Democrats Endorse All Three Constitutional Amendments on Virginia's November Ballot

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA. On July 23rd, 2026, The Prince William County Democratic Committee voted overwhelmingly to endorse all three proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia that will appear on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

The committee's action stands in stark contrast to the [PWC GOP announcing its opposition](#) to two of the measures, presenting voters with a clear choice about which party will protect the rights and values of Virginians. While some would like to see Virginians lose their rights, Prince William Democrats will fight to enshrine them in our constitution. We believe, like a majority of Virginians, that reproductive health care, voting rights, and marriage rights should not be at risk every election. We encourage every voter in Prince William County to vote Yes on all three referendums.

RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

The proposed amendment would constitutionally protect decisions involving abortion care, contraception, fertility treatment, miscarriage management, prenatal care, postpartum care, and childbirth. It would ensure that personal reproductive health care decisions remain with patients and their medical providers, not politicians.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

The proposed amendment would repeal the Marshall-Newman Amendment, Virginia's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, and guarantee equal treatment for all lawful marriages between two adults regardless of sex, gender, or race. Although the ban is currently unenforceable, its discriminatory language remains in Virginia's constitution and could become enforceable if the Supreme Court were to revisit its 2015 ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges.

AUTOMATIC RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

The proposed amendment would automatically restore voting rights to citizens upon their release from incarceration. It would replace Virginia's current system, founded during Jim Crow, under which justice-impacted Virginians remain permanently disenfranchised unless the governor individually restores their rights. This power's exercise has varied dramatically from administration to administration, leaving the rights of Virginians to the whims of elections they cannot participate in.

All three amendments were approved by the General Assembly in two successive legislative sessions, as required by Virginia's constitutional amendment process. They will take effect if approved by a majority of voters on November 3. Prince William County Democrats urge all eligible voters to vote YES on all three constitutional amendments.

The Prince William County Democratic Committee works to elect Democrats up and down the ballot in PWC. The committee is made up of dedicated volunteers and activists, and is presently chaired by Raymond White. The PWCDC has secured majorities on the School Board, Board of County Supervisors, the county Delegation in the Virginia House of Delegates and State Senate, and the county Federal Delegation for the Commonwealth.

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