



## **Election 2018**

Dear LeadingAge Virginia Members,

Nonprofits can play an important role in helping individuals at their communities exercise their right as citizens to vote. This Election 2018 Toolkit is designed for you as a member community of LeadingAge Virginia to:

- Provide voting basics for individuals at your center/community
- Provide information to guide your nonprofit center/community's voter education and engagement activities

How to use this information:

- Link to this toolkit from your website
- Tweet and post on your social media pages with links to this toolkit
- Print and post this toolkit in public locations throughout your center/campus such as HR, employee cafes, breakrooms, and other public bulletin boards
- Copy and paste this information into your printed and electronic newsletters
- Reference this information when speaking at resident and staff meetings

Remember that LeadingAge Virginia is here to help. If you have any questions about this toolkit or need assistance, please contact us by calling our office at 804-965-5500 or email us at [contactus@leadingagevirginia.org](mailto:contactus@leadingagevirginia.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Andrews".

Melissa Andrews  
President & CEO



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### **Voting Basics**

#### **Election Date**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

#### **Registration**

- To register to vote, click [here.](#)
- To update or check registration, click [here.](#)
- For accessible voter registration, click [here.](#)

#### **Voting**

Click [here](#) to vote by absentee mail

Click [here](#) to Vote absentee in person

Click [here](#) for a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Military and Overseas Voters



### **Voting Locations and ID Requirements**

Polls in the Commonwealth of Virginia are open from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. It is best to arrive early but as long as you are in line by 7:00 p.m., you will be allowed to vote. For your vote to count, you need to be at the correct polling place. Click [here](#) to look up your polling place.

You will need to show one acceptable photo identification card whenever you vote in person. Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia; however, you only need to show one acceptable photo ID to vote.

Click [here](#) for acceptable forms of identification

Click [here](#) if you need to obtain a photo ID

### **November 6, 2018 General and Special Elections**

Click [here](#) for a Statewide Candidate List

Click [here](#) for Statewide Candidate Contact Information

Click [here](#) for a List of the House of Delegates, 8<sup>th</sup> District

Click [here](#) for a List of County and City Candidates

Click [here](#) for Candidates by Locality



## **Voting Accessibility**

There is at least one voting machine accessible to voters with disabilities at each polling place. Voters with a disability should be able to vote in the same private and independent manner as a voter without a disability.

Virginia polling places, including in-person absentee voting locations, meet state and federal accessibility standards. You can find:

- Accessible parking spaces
- Curb where needed
- Signs showing an accessible entrance and route in building
- Accessible voting booth with chair
- Seating available for voters waiting to vote
- Sufficient space for voters in wheelchairs
- Notepads available to communicate in writing
- Magnifier for election material and the ballot

Accessible Voting Options:

Click [here](#) to vote absentee by mail

Click [here](#) to vote absentee in person

## **Curbside Voting**

If you are 65 or older, or have a physical disability, you may vote on Election Day without leaving your vehicle through curbside voting. If you would like to use curbside voting, remember to bring someone with you who can enter the polling place to ask an election officer for curbside assistance. Click [here](#) for curbside voting



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### **Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at the November 6, 2018 Election**

**Question:** Should a county, city, or town be authorized to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if flooding resiliency improvements have been made on the property?

Click [here](#) for an explanation of the current law and proposed amendment

**Question:** Shall the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be amended to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different primary residence and still claim the exemption?

Click [here](#) for an explanation of the current law and proposed amendment

### **Guidance on IRS Rules Around Politically-Related Activity**

As the nation prepares for mid-term congressional elections this year, many nonprofit aging services providers are concerned about staying within Internal Revenue Service rules for allowable politically-related activity. LeadingAge national has prepared a set of guidelines to help you stay in compliance. If you work for a nonprofit organization, can you contribute to political campaigns or participate in candidate fundraising? What kind of help can you give residents with learning about candidates who are running for office or getting to the polls to vote? Can your organization hold candidate forums? What if an elected official who is running for reelection wants to visit your community to talk to your residents? All of these questions are discussed in LeadingAge national's new publication, [Lobbying and Election Activity: Guiding](#)



[Principles for Nonprofit Providers](#). As the campaign season heats up, we hope these guidelines will help you balance your and your residents' rights as citizens with the IRS restrictions on political activity by nonprofits.

### **Sign Up as a Partner for National Voter Registration Day (September 25)**

Did you know there is already a countdown to [National Voter Registration Day](#) on **September 25**? While September may seem far away, the folks at Nonprofit VOTE are encouraging nonprofits to join this national day of action celebrating our democracy. National Voter Registration Day is endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the National Association of State Election Directors, along with hundreds of nonprofits across the country. Help register everyone who is eligible to vote!

Here are two things you can do:

1. Sign up as an official partner;
2. Plan a voter registration drive on September 25, if this makes sense for your community.

NVRD partners receive free field organizing toolkits, promotion materials, and an exclusive training by Nonprofit VOTE. [Watch an NVRD video](#) for more information.

### **Coffee Chats with Congress: Help Make Advocacy Real in Your Community**

LeadingAge national launched "[Coffee Chats with Congress](#)" asking members to set up conversations with our legislators to talk about the good work we're doing and the challenges our communities encounter. Every chance we have to sit down with a legislator and talk specifically about issues that affect our community/residents/employees, is a chance to put a "face" on the issues, to share a story, beyond just statistics. Download the "Coffee Chats with Congress" [Toolkit](#) and join us as we educate our Members of Congress on the [issues](#) facing our members and residents every day. [Who's Your Legislator?](#)

- Click [here](#) to search for your elected officials

Questions



### Questions

The Virginia Department of Elections is available to answer questions. Click [here](#) for a contact list.

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*Many thanks to LeadingAge North Carolina for sharing this valuable toolkit to be adapted for the benefit of the LeadingAge Virginia membership.*

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