

Virginia Economic Developers Association

2018 Election Recap

December 5, 2018

2018 Midterm Election Results-Senate

Senate

	BEFORE (2018)	AFTER (2019)
R's	51	53
D's	49	47
	Republicans: +2	

- Republicans will retain their majority in the Senate
- Republicans were able to flip at least three seats held by Democrats; Indiana, Missouri, ND and Florida
- Democrats, conversely, were only able to flip the Republican-held seats in Arizona and Nevada
- Overall, Republicans did much better in the upper chamber than many political forecasters and analysts predicted

2018 Midterm Election Results-House of Representatives

- Democrats are the majority party in the US House of Representatives.
- Several Democratic House pickups came from suburban districts in states like New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia
- Of these competitive races, Democrats flipped 19 districts that President Trump won in 2016, while Republicans flipped six districts that Hillary Clinton won.

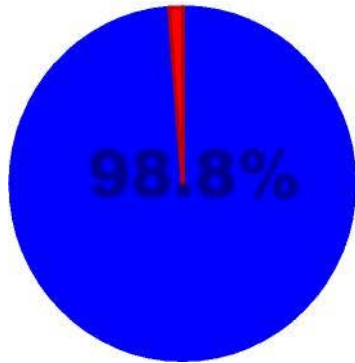
House of Representatives

	BEFORE (2018)	AFTER (2019)
R's	240	203
D's	195	233
		Democrats: +38

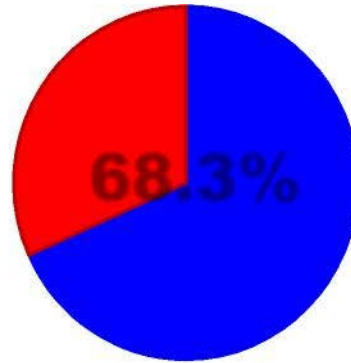
2018 Midterm Election Results-House of Representatives Cont.

Democrats' Winning Percentage by House District Type

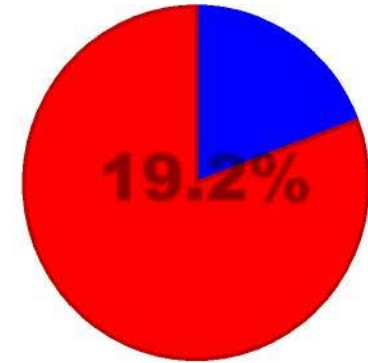
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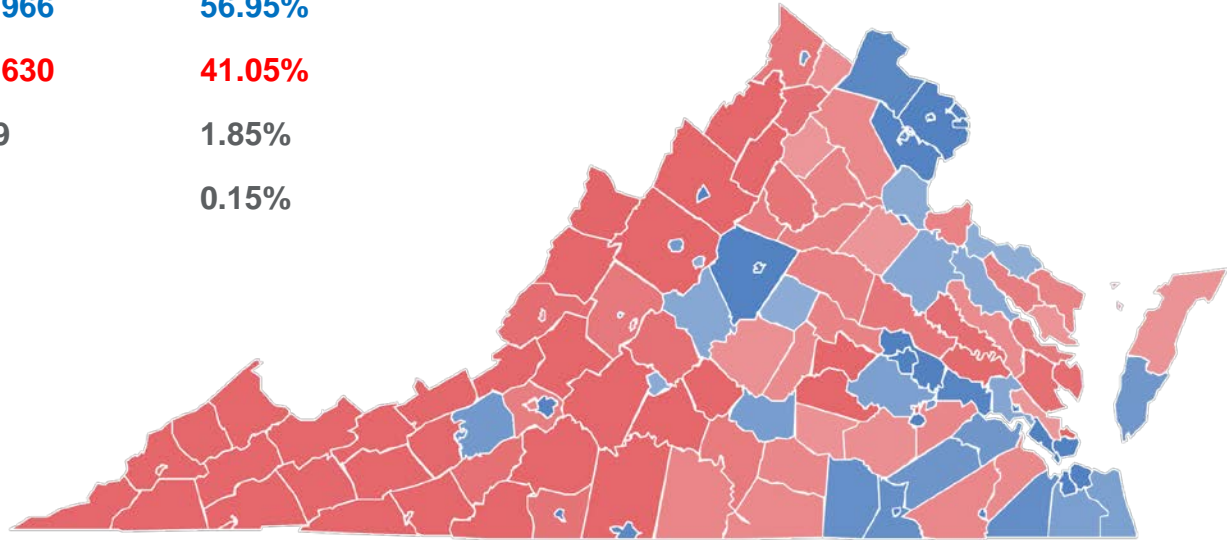


RURAL



US Senate Results-Virginia

Tim Kaine	1,905,966	56.95%
Corey Stewart	1,373,630	41.05%
Matt Waters	61,829	1.85%
Write-Ins	5,159	0.15%



US House Results-Virginia

- **2018 House of Representatives Election**

- Going into the Election, Republicans held 7 out of 11 House seats
- Republicans now hold only 4 out of 11 House seats

- **House of Representatives-*Status Quo***

- Republican-Held: **CD 9 (Griffith)**, CD 6 (Cline, Goodlatte Outgoing), CD 5 (Riggleman, Garrett outgoing), CD 1 (Whittman)
- Democrat-Held: CD 3 (Scott), CD 4 (McEachin), CD 8 (Beyer), CD 11 (Connolly)

- **House of Representatives-*Flipped Districts***

- CD 2 (Hampton Roads & Eastern Shore-**Outgoing Taylor**, **Incoming Luria**), CD 7 (Richmond Metro-**Outgoing Brat**, **Incoming Spanberger**), CD 10 (Norther Virginia-**Outgoing Comstock**, **Incoming Wexton**)
- ***100,000-145,000 increase in voters from the 2014 Election to the 2018 Election in CD 2, CD 7, and CD 10 (each elected **Republicans in 2014** and **Democrats in 2018**)***

Congressional District 10-Northern Virginia

2014 Election CD 10

Barbara Comstock (R)

John Foust (D)

Votes

125,914

89,957

Vote %

56.49%

40.35%

2016 Election CD 10 (*Presidential)

Barbara Comstock (R)-Incumbent

LuAnn Bennett (D)

210,791

187,712

52.69%

46.92%

2018 Election CD 10

Barbara Comstock (R)-Incumbent

Jennifer Wexton (D)

157,561

202,557

43.69%

56.16%

- Comstock had a net **loss** of **53,230** votes from the 2016 to 2018 Election while the Democratic candidate had a net **increase** in **14,845** votes from the 2016 to 2018 Election.

Congressional District 7-Richmond Metro

2014 Election CD 7

Dave Brat (R)

Jack Trammell (D)

Votes

148,026

89,914

Vote %

60.83%

36.95%

2016 Election CD 7 (*Presidential)

Dave Brat (R)-Incumbent

Eileen Bedell (D)

218,057

160,159

57.51%

42.24%

2018 Election CD 7

Dave Brat (R)-Incumbent

Abigail Spanberger (D)

165,899

170,737

48.66%

50.08%

- Brat had a net **loss** of **52,158** votes from the 2016 to 2018 Election while the Democratic candidate had a net **increase** in **10,578** votes from the 2016 to 2018 Election.

Congressional District 2-Hampton Roads & Eastern Shore

2014 Election CD 2

Scott Rigell (R)-Incumbent

Suzanne Patrick (D)

Votes

101,558

71,178

Vote %

58.68%

41.13%

2016 Election CD 2 (*Presidential)

Scott Taylor (R)

Shaun Brown (D)

190,475

119,440

61.33%

38.46%

2018 Election CD 2

Scott Taylor (R)-Incumbent

Elaine Luria (D)

133,319

139,328

48.83%

51.03%

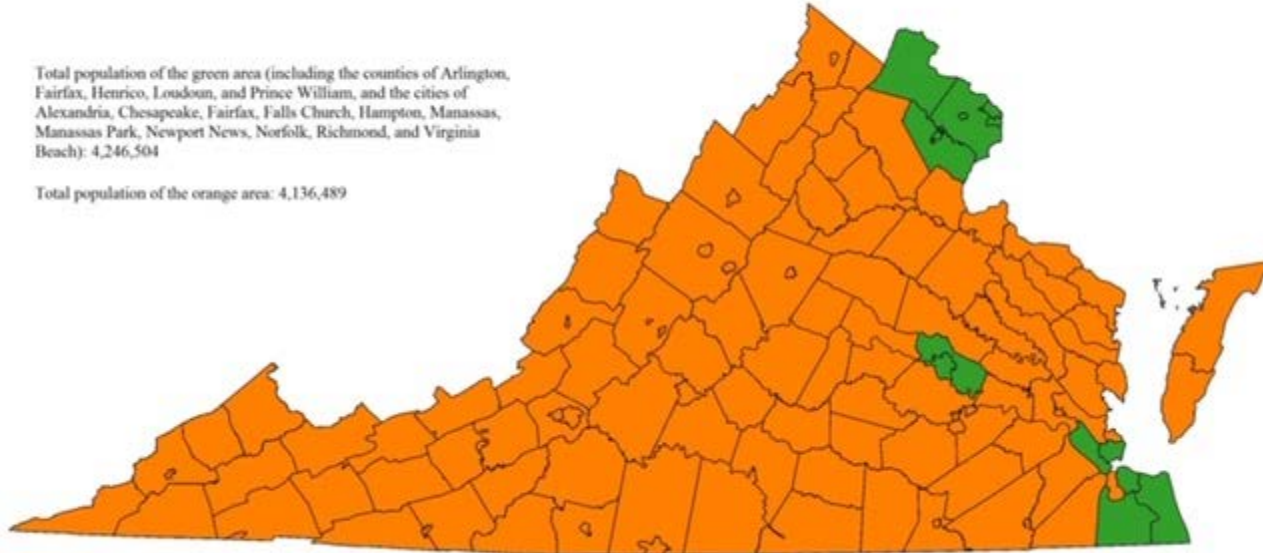
• Taylor had a net **loss** of **57,156** votes from the 2016 to 2018 Election while the Democratic candidate had a net **increase** in **19,888** votes from the 2016 to 2018 Election.

Where We are Today

50% of Virginians live in the green area. 50% live in the orange area.

Total population of the green area (including the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Henrico, Loudoun, and Prince William, and the cities of Alexandria, Chesapeake, Fairfax, Falls Church, Hampton, Manassas, Manassas Park, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond, and Virginia Beach): 4,246,504

Total population of the orange area: 4,136,489



Source: U.S. Census Bureau population estimates for July 2015 (release date March 2016)

Nick Kessler, April 20, 2016

Change From 2009 to 2017 Gubernatorial Election

Locality	2009	2013	2017
Northern Virginia	222,644/190,466	193,576/273,556	209,999/399,910
Richmond Metro	149,206/108,002	123,783/149,816	142,085/201,762
Hampton Roads	153,179/131,939	123,966/179,290	141,874/223,783

The Republican vote count is very similar in the 2009 and 2017 Election throughout the various regions above. However, the Democratic vote count either more than doubles or near doubles in the 2017 Election compared to the 2009 Election.

Red=Republican Nominee/Blue=Democratic Nominee

Virginia State Level-Where We are Today

- **2017 House of Delegates Election**

- Going into the Election, Republicans held a 66-34 majority
- Republicans now hold control of the House with a slim 51-49 majority

- **Legislative Branch**

- House 51-49 Republican Control
- Senate 21-19 Republican Control
- 2019 Election-all 140 General Assembly seats

- **Executive Branch**

- Governor Ralph Northam (D)
- Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax (D)
- Attorney General Mark Herring (D)

- Second straight election cycle where Democrats have swept all three statewide races

2019 Anticipated Legislative Issues

- **Budget**
- **Economic Development-Related Issues**
- **Federal Tax Conformity**
- **Gaming/Sports Betting**
- **RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative)**
- **Right-to-Work/Minimum Wage**
- **Transportation/I-81**
- **2019 Election/Redistricting**