

Delegate Steve Landes 2010 Legislative Survey

1. Should state government mandate a certain percentage of local public education funding be used for classroom instruction compared to non-instructional services ?
(230 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	133	57.8
No	97	42.2
Total:	230	100.0

2. Do you support awarding Virginia's many good teachers with "merit" or "bonus" pay when the students they teach consistently score above the state average?
(252 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	164	65.1
No	88	34.9
Total:	252	100.0

3. What core services provided by state government are most important to you? [Please rank your responses 1-5. 1 = Highest Priority, and 5 = Lowest Priority.]
(255 Responses)

	<u>Rating Scale</u>				
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Economy and Job Development	105 (41.18%)	47 (18.43%)	46 (18.04%)	28 (10.98%)	28 (10.98%)
Public K-12 & Higher Education	54 (21.18%)	73 (28.63%)	47 (18.43%)	47 (18.43%)	32 (12.55%)
Public Safety	85 (33.33%)	61 (23.92%)	50 (19.61%)	33 (12.94%)	23 (9.02%)
Health Care Services	33 (12.94%)	40 (15.69%)	51 (20.00%)	58 (22.75%)	71 (27.84%)
Transportation	30 (11.76%)	52 (20.39%)	48 (18.82%)	51 (20.00%)	70 (27.45%)

4. Virginia is currently facing a budget shortfall of at least \$6 billion due to the nationwide recession. How do you think the General Assembly should address this budget shortfall? [Please rank your responses 1-6. 1 = First Course of Action, and 6 = Last Resort.] (257 Responses)

	Rating Scale					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Institute long-term structural budget reforms	80 (31.13%)	75 (29.18%)	37 (14.40%)	34 (13.23%)	12 (4.67%)	13 (5.06%)
Take money out of the state's Rainy Day savings fund	23 (8.95%)	28 (10.89%)	44 (17.12%)	47 (18.29%)	60 (23.35%)	50 (19.46%)
Raise general taxes (sales, income, and/or personal property)	20 (7.78%)	13 (5.06%)	17 (6.61%)	22 (8.56%)	31 (12.06%)	144 (56.03%)
Cut wasteful spending and eliminate earmarks	175 (68.09%)	43 (16.73%)	9 (3.50%)	9 (3.50%)	12 (4.67%)	7 (2.72%)
Maximize Federal stimulus funds	45 (17.51%)	44 (17.12%)	39 (15.18%)	44 (17.12%)	45 (17.51%)	33 (12.84%)
Use bonds instead of cash for certain capital projects	21 (8.17%)	24 (9.34%)	78 (30.35%)	51 (19.84%)	43 (16.73%)	35 (13.62%)

5. Do you support extending the death penalty to accessories of capital murder (i.e., eliminating the so-called “triggerman only rule”)?
(250 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	145	58.0
No	105	42.0
Total:	250	100.0

6. Virginia currently allows gun owners to openly carry their firearms into restaurants, but it is illegal for someone with a valid concealed carry permit to carry a concealed firearm into a restaurant. Do you support changing the law to allow the concealed carrying of a firearm in a restaurant if the person does not consume alcohol?
(252 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	159	63.1
No	93	36.9
Total:	252	100.0

7. Do you support efforts in the federal government to provide government paid health care to every uninsured Virginian?
(251 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	69	27.5
No	182	72.5
Total:	251	100.0

8. Would you rather Virginia state government focus funding for health care on wellness and prevention or on covering the cost of treatment and emergency care? Check one only.
(243 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wellness and Prevention	149	61.3
Treatment and Emergency Care	94	38.7
Total:	243	100.0

9. Do you support requiring abortion clinics to comply with the same health and safety standards as other health care facilities?
(238 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	216	90.8
No	22	9.2
Total:	238	100.0

10. Do you support the privatization of Virginia's system of Alcoholic Beverage Control and dedicating the proceeds to transportation?
(241 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	169	70.1
No	72	29.9
Total:	241	100.0

11. Do you support efforts for Virginia to seek federal government approval to toll existing highways to pay for improvements and expansions on those specific roads?
(247 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	139	56.3
No	108	43.7
Total:	247	100.0

12. The Virginia Retirement System pension plan for state employees has a rising level of obligations and liabilities. In addition to the current defined benefit pension package, would you support offering state employees the option to invest their retirement account through a defined contribution plan?
(235 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	192	81.7
No	43	18.3
Total:	235	100.0

13. If you believe transportation requires additional funding, are you willing to: [Please rank your responses 1-5. 1 = Strongly Agree, and 5 = Strongly Disagree.]
(253 Responses)

	Rating Scale					
	1	2	3	4	5	Average Rating
Pay tolls, if you choose, that would vary during rush hours to ensure smooth traffic flow	58 (22.92%)	37 (14.62%)	44 (17.39%)	61 (24.11%)	50 (19.76%)	3.03
Pay higher state gas taxes, the primary means of funding the current system	38 (15.02%)	27 (10.67%)	23 (9.09%)	29 (11.46%)	135 (53.36%)	3.78
Reprioritize current state funding from other government areas to transportation	40 (15.81%)	42 (16.60%)	63 (24.90%)	43 (17.00%)	59 (23.32%)	3.16
Build roads with more partnerships between government and the private sector	52 (20.55%)	77 (30.43%)	62 (24.51%)	30 (11.86%)	27 (10.67%)	2.61
Reform VDOT and streamline its bureaucracy to achieve savings	147 (58.10%)	52 (20.55%)	25 (9.88%)	15 (5.93%)	10 (3.95%)	1.75

14. Should Virginia's Right-to-Work law be made a part of the State Constitution?
(232 Responses)

Option	Count	Percent
Yes	142	61.2
No	90	38.8
Total:	232	100.0

15. Do you support the exploration of natural gas off the coastal water areas of Virginia?
(252 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	218	86.5
No	34	13.5
Total:	252	100.0

16. Do you support providing state funding for research on alternative energy sources such as wind, solar and biomass?
(254 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	164	64.6
No	90	35.4
Total:	254	100.0

17. Virginia currently derives 20% of its electrical power from nuclear power. Do you support expanding the sources of nuclear power in Virginia?
(250 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	212	84.8
No	38	15.2
Total:	250	100.0

18. Virginia has protected over 400,000 acres of open space during the last decade. Do you support efforts by the state to protect another 400,000 acres over the next four years?
(247 Responses)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	167	67.6
No	80	32.4
Total:	247	100.0

19. What do you believe are the Top 3 *statewide issues* Virginia lawmakers should address during the 2010 Session?

- #1 Budget
- #2 Economy/Jobs
- #3 Education

20. What do you believe are the Top 3 *local issues* you want to see addressed in 2010?

- #1 Economy/Jobs
- #2 Education
- #3 Transportation