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# **City of Hampton, Virginia**

## **General Assembly Recap 2019**

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# FULL SPEED AHEAD

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# Special Session 2019

On June 4, Governor Ralph Northam called for a Special Session of the General Assembly following the May 31 mass shooting in Virginia Beach to address gun violence.

The Constitution of Virginia provides that: “The Governor may convene a special session of the General Assembly when, in his opinion, the interest of the Commonwealth may require and shall convene a special session upon the application of two-thirds of the members elected to each house.

In his call for the special session, he laid out several policy recommendations that he has asked the General Assembly to consider.

Those recommendations include:

- Universal background checks;
- A ban on assault weapons, to include suppressors and bump stocks;
- An extreme risk protective order;
- Reinstating the one-gun-a-month law;
- Child access prevention;
- Requiring people to report lost and stolen firearms; and
- Expanding local authority to regulate firearms, including in government buildings.

# Political update - June 11 Primary highlights

## Senate (14 seats with nomination contests)

- Senate District 24
  - Hanger/Freitas
- Senate District 12 (Dunnavant)
  - Rodman/Lothe
- Senate District 7 (Wagner)
  - Kiggans/Weems
  - Turpin/Howard/Hippen
- Senate District 13
  - Dance/Morrissey
- Senate District 35
  - Saslaw/Taeb

## House (20 seats with nomination contests)

- House District 4 (Pillion)
- House District 23 (Garrett)
  - Perrow/Berman/Walker
- House District 50
  - Carter/Wolfe
- House District 68 (Adams)
  - Coward/Losi
- House District 91 (Helsel)
  - Mugler/Wade
- House District 96 (Pogge)
  - Batten/Rapp Beale
  - Downey/Leser/Mayfield

# Political update - November Contested Races

## Senate (17 major party contested races)

- Senate District 7 (Wagner)
  - Kiggans/Weems
  - Turpin/Howard/Hippen
- Senate District 11
  - Pohl/Powell
  - Chase
- Senate District 13 (Black)
  - Higgins/Meyer
  - Bell, J.

## House (58 major party contested races)

- House District 10
  - Minchew/Gooditis
- House District 51
  - Ayala/Anderson
- House District 85 (Turpin)
  - Holcomb/Askew
- House District 91 (Helsel)
  - Mugler/Wade
- House District 96 (Pogge)
  - Batten/Rapp Beale
  - Downey/Leser/Mayfield

# Hampton's 2019 Legislative Successes

- Added Language To Expedite Testing In Certain Instances Of Possible HIV, Hepatitis B, Or Hepatitis C Exposure
- Clarified The Definition Of Fort Monroe Authority's Area Of Operation
- Added Fort Monroe Authority To Existing List Of Non-profit Organizations In Virginia That Are Granted The Authority To Enter Into A Closed Session To Discuss Donations And Grants From Private Sources
- Created A Mechanism To Pass-through Tax Assessments To Certain Lessees
- Secured An Additional \$200,000 For Hampton To Purchase Land Encroaching Langley Air Force Base
- Clarified Language Regarding The Removal Of Vehicles In Emergency Situations
- Added \$3,855 Funding For 7 of Hampton's Historical African American Cemeteries
- Added Budget Language To Secure 150 Acre Parcel Of State Surplus Property For The Eastern Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (EVRIFA)
- Secured \$500,763 for the Academies of Hampton

# Areas for continued work

- Create an Annual Fund to Address Needs of Virginia's Military and Federal Facilities
- Clarify Language Regarding the Parking of Overweight Vehicles
- Provide for Local Ability to Maintain Appearance of Certain Properties (Overgrown Shrubs and Trees)
- Support and Fund Education Initiatives
- Continue To Fund Resiliency Efforts
- Modernize The Communications Sales And Use Tax
- Increase Funding For Transportation Including Public Transit
- Others?

# 2020 Legislative Agenda Planning

The Two Capitols team will be engaging with the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, department and agency heads, as well as various coalition groups and stakeholders to build a comprehensive legislative package over the summer.



# 2020 Legislative Agenda Planning

## September

Finalize legislative agenda  
Coordinate with coalition and  
community partners

## November

Finalize legislation for members  
and have bills pre-filed (deadline  
for pre-filed drafting is December  
5, 2019)

## July-August

Prepare initial legislative  
agenda  
Work with Governor's staff on  
proposed budget

## October

Start shopping legislation with  
members (pre-file begins  
November 18, 2019)  
Present legislative agenda for  
approval by City Council

## December

Finalize any budget  
amendments  
Collect legislative priorities  
from Hampton delegation to  
present to Council/staff

Session starts January 8, 2020 at 12 noon

**Questions/Comments?**