

VIRGINIA 2026

Constitutional Amendment Voter Information Guide

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Purpose of this guide

The purpose of this guide is to inform and educate you on two of the three constitutional amendments that will appear on your ballot in this year's general and special election.

This guide includes the text that will appear on your ballot and the ramifications if these amendments are added to the Virginia state constitution.

QUESTION 1 — FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Official ballot question

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

Current law and proposed change

Abortion is currently **legal** in the state of Virginia.

This amendment is designed to make abortion, under the general umbrella of “reproductive freedom,” a **constitutional right**. Again, it is not currently illegal to get an abortion in Virginia.

So, why is this amendment appearing on your ballot? It is because the current Virginia administration wants to make it **harder to make abortion illegal** in the state of Virginia in the future.

Currently, **abortion is a state statute in Virginia**, meaning that if a conservative General Assembly came into power, they could overturn the abortion state statute with a vote if they chose to, making abortion illegal or restricted. However, if abortion is codified into the Virginia Constitution with this amendment, it becomes much more difficult to change in the future by a conservative General Assembly if they wanted to.

To be clear, the purpose of this amendment it is to make it harder to make abortion illegal in the state of Virginia in the future.

Rapture Worship Center encourages you to vote NO on this ballot measure to keep the Constitution of Virginia from codifying abortion as a right.

QUESTION 2 — MARRIAGE

Official ballot question

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

Current law and proposed change

Same-sex marriage is currently **a constitutional right in the United States under federal law.**

Currently, the Virginia Constitution has a clause that states that marriage is **only between a man and a woman**. However, this clause is currently **unenforceable** due to the fact that same-sex marriage is recognized as a **constitutional right at the federal level. Constitutional federal law overrides state law.**

The amendment being proposed on your ballot would change the Virginia Constitution to **recognize same-sex marriage as a right at the state level.**

Why is this amendment being proposed? Because, if the US Supreme Court decision that made same-sex marriage a constitutional right were ever overturned, Virginia's existing constitutional clause recognizing marriage only between a man and a woman **could become enforceable again.**

This proposed amendment is designed to prevent a possible US Supreme Court reversal from affecting same-sex marriage in Virginia. Even if the United States no longer recognized same-sex marriage at the federal level, same-sex marriage could remain legally protected in Virginia if the state constitution recognized it as a right.

So, again, same-sex marriage is **currently legal in Virginia because it is protected under federal law.** This amendment is designed to **change the current language of the Virginia Constitution** so that it would be much more difficult to reverse the current status in the future under a different administration.

Rapture Worship Center encourages you to vote NO on this ballot question so that Virginia's Constitutional text may continue to recognize the divine truth that marriage is only between a man and a woman.

Consider Who You Vote For

Remember that elections have consequences. Two years, a new governor and General Assembly was elected to office in Virginia. The state amendments you are being asked to consider in November are the result of **their priorities.**

When you vote this year, keep this in mind: what are the legislative priorities of the representatives you are voting for? What amendments will they ask you to vote on two years from now?

Who you vote for **matters.**

Official sources and further reading

The following government sources contain the official ballot questions and proposed amendment language. Use these sources to verify current official wording and review updated voter information.

Virginia Department of Elections — Proposed Constitutional Amendment, Question 1: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/proposed-constitutional-amendment-question-1/>

Virginia General Assembly — HB 781, Chapter 2 (Reproductive Freedom): <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB781/text/CHAP0002>

Virginia General Assembly — SB 311, Chapter 819 (Marriage): <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/SB311/text/CHAP0819>

Virginia Department of Elections — November 2026 Proposed Constitutional Amendments: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/candidate-list/november-2026-proposed-constitutional-amendments/>

Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. 644 (2015): <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/576/644/>

