

Communicating With Your Legislators



CPA ASSEMBLY DAY 2025



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General Assembly



“Active citizen participation is an integral part of a functioning representative democracy. **Members of the General Assembly want and need citizen input when crafting laws.** As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is your right to voice your opinion regarding pending legislation. There are many ways in which citizens can communicate with their legislator: **phone calls, letters, email, or through visits to their legislative offices.**”



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General Assembly



“As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of your greatest responsibilities is to help elect the legislator who represent all Virginians. But your role in the democratic process of government does not end at the polls. **By sharing your opinions and ideas with your elected officials, you help them resolve issues and evaluate pending legislation.**”

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Do your homework

- Understand the legislative process
- Familiarize yourself with the tools for tracking legislation from introduction to final disposition



[How Bills Become Laws](#)



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<https://help.lis.virginia.gov/start/index.asp>



<https://www.richmondsunlight.com/>

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Do your homework



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Research your legislators

- Bio
- Contact information
- Committee assignments
- Legislation

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

<https://apps.senate.virginia.gov/Senator/index.php>

Virginia House of Delegates Member Listings

<https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/house/members/members.php>



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Adam P. Ebbin

Democrat, District 39

Legislation Sponsored

Chief Patron
Chief Co-Patron
Co-Patron

Committees

General Laws and Technology (Chair)
Commerce and Labor
Finance and Appropriations
Privileges and Elections
Rules

Biography

Born in Huntington, New York, on November 10, 1963; educated at American University (B.A., Public Communication and Political Science, 1985); Consultant, Jewish Agenda Alexandria; Arlington Committee of 100; Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, Chesapeake Climate Action Network Champion, Virginia League of Conservation Voters, Legislative Hero, Sierra Club Water Champion Award, Virginia Education Association's Solid as a Rock for Public Education, Washington D. C. Area Building Trades Council Legislator of the Year, Equality Virginia, Outstanding Virginian, University of Virginia Sorenson Institute, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government Senior Government Executive Program, Member of the House: 2004-2012; Member of the Senate: 2012-

District 39 Description

All of Alexandria City.
Parts of Arlington County and Fairfax County.

Studies and Commissions

Groups that discuss and research specific subject matter in regards to legislation or public projects.

Administrative Rules, Joint Commission on

Artificial Intelligence Subcommittee (JCOTIS)

Blockchain Subcommittee (JCOTIS)

Block Grants

Booker T. Washington Commemorative Commission

Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

Environmental and Virginia Conflict of Interest and

and



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The Hill
Republicans hold on to Virginia state Senate seat

Republican Luther Cifers defeated Democrat Jack Trammell in the special election for the state Senate's 10th District on Tuesday....

WJLA
Democrat Kannan Srinivasan wins District 32 Senate seat in special election

LOUDOUN COUNTY, Va. (7News) — Democrat Kannan Srinivasan won District 32 in the special elections for Loudoun County's Virginia Senate....




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Delegate Holly M. Seibold

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- Other Appointments



Virginia House of Delegates 2025
 Delegate Holly M. Seibold
 Member Since: 2023
 D - County of Fairfax (part)
 12th District

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Capitol Office

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 Richmond, Virginia 23219
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 Administrative Assistant During Session: Patrese Pruden

District Office

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Additional Information

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Committee Assignments:

Committee Membership

- Communications, Technology and Innovation
- Public Safety
- General Laws

Subcommittee Membership

Chair: Communications, Technology and Innovation - Technology and Innovation Subcommittee

- General Laws - Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process
- General Laws - ABC/Gaming
- Public Safety - Public Safety
- Communications, Technology and Innovation - Communications Subcommittee

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2025 Legislation:

Chief Patron
 Proposed Budget Amendments

Your Search

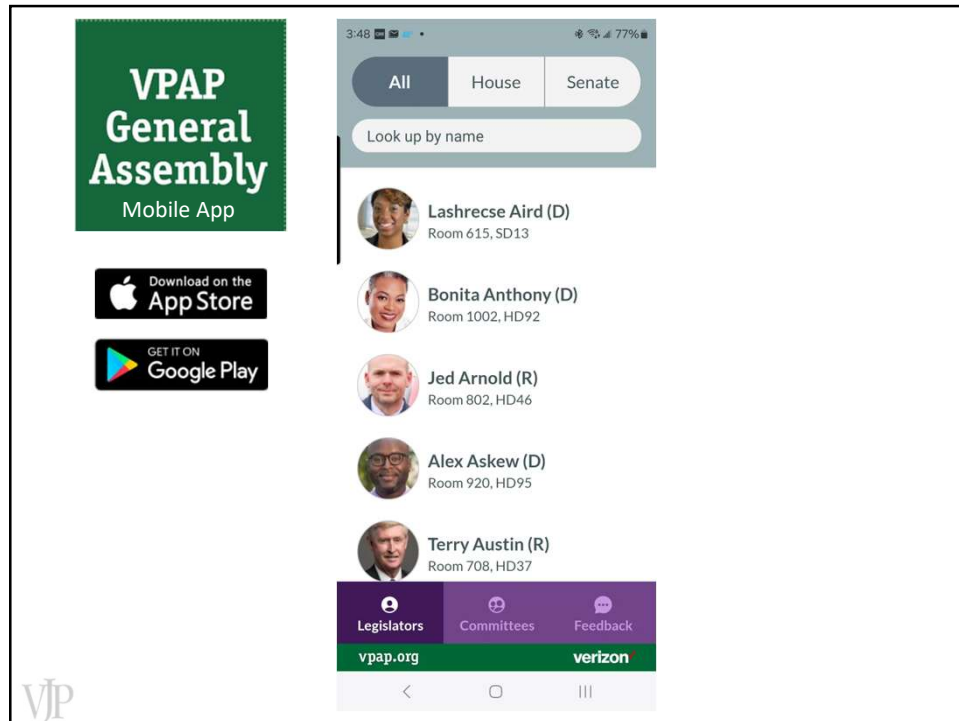
[Seibold, Holly M, D](#) [Chief Patron](#) [Exclude Failed](#)

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HB1892	Children with disabilities; annual individualized education program planning process; dual enrollment courses; certain parental notification required.	Committee Referral Pending
HB1893	State plan for medical assistance services; recovery residences; work group; report.	Committee Referral Pending
HB1894	State core language proficiency assistant; ensure, quality, scope of practice; revocation or suspension of license; continuing education.	Committee Referral Pending
HB2041	Speed safety cameras; placement and operation.	Committee Referral Pending
HB2042	Certified public accountant; educational requirements.	Committee Referral Pending
HB2049	Retail sales and use tax exemption; motor vehicle child restraint device.	Committee Referral Pending

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Schedule an appointment

- Contact the legislator's office
- Meeting may be in person or virtual
- Legislators are busy during session!



Tips for meetings



- Arrive early
- Be flexible
- Mention your connections
- Be a good representative of the profession
- If virtual – think about background images

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Tips for meetings

- Limit your message to about 5 minutes
- Think big picture, not technical
- Stories are good
- Don't discuss:
 - Campaigns
 - Elections
 - Fundraising
 - Politics



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Meeting example: HB 2042

Certified public accountant; educational requirements

Prepare for the meeting

- Visit the [VSCPA website](#), download the resources (coming soon), and familiarize yourself with them
- Read the bill

Menu

Advocacy
Resources

2025 Regular Session

HB2042 Certified public accountant; educational requirements.

Print

Status: Committee Referral Pending

Patrons

All Patrons

Introduced by: Holly M. Seibold (Chief Patron)

Summary As Introduced

Certified public accountant; educational requirements. Clarifies education and experience requirements for candidates to qualify for CPA licensure. The bill also provides that, to qualify for practice privileges within the Commonwealth, an individual must have a license in good standing in another jurisdiction and have passed the CPA examination. The bill directs the Board of Accountancy to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill contains technical amendments.

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Meeting example: HB 2042

Certified public accountant; educational requirements

- Introduce yourself
- Mention a few of the talking points provided in the resources
- Ask for support
- Thank the legislator for their time



- Hello, Del. Glass. My name is Vivian Paige, and I am a member of the Virginia Society of CPAs and your constituent. I'd like to speak with you today about CPA educational requirements, House Bill 2042.
- As a former educator, I am quite familiar with the challenges our profession faces with the CPA workforce pipeline. This bill helps by providing another educational option to qualify for CPA licensure. The Virginia Board of Accountancy provided its input in developing the bill language.
- I hope you will be able to support this legislation.
- Thank you, Del. Glass, for meeting with me today.

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After the meeting



- Send a thank you note

- Follow the legislation



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- Develop a relationship

- Stay in touch



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Our collective voice



Voter Voice

<https://www.vscpa.com/voter-voice>

- Be an active participant in VSCPA advocacy
- Sign up for Alerts
- Only requires a little time

Key Legislation

CPA Licensure

HB 2042: Certified public accountant educational requirements, 2024-2025 Regular Session



Other Tax Issues

Virginia

All Categories

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VSCPA Political Action Committee (PAC)

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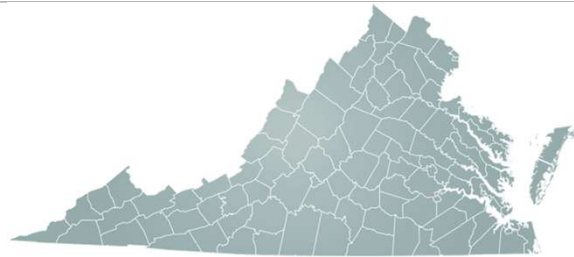
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What questions do you have?



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