

2025 General Assembly Legislative Session Survey Results—District 71

1. Which tax do you find most burdensome or inequitable?

Answer	Count	Percent
Car tax	504	43.91%
Income tax	338	29.62%
Other personal property tax	183	16.04%
Sales tax	86	7.54%
Business, Professional, and Occupational License (BPOL) tax	33	2.89%

2. Housing costs are rising. Which of the following would you support as a means of lowering costs?

Answer	Count	Percent
Reduce bureaucratic regulations in the building code	461	36.97%
Tax credits	416	33.36%
Limit localities' ability to develop restrictive zoning	261	20.93%
Other	109	8.74%

3. How do you think the General Assembly should address the rising cost of higher education?

Answer	Highest Priority (1)	2	3	4	Lowest Priority (5)	Average
Redirect funding from administrative positions to the classroom and practical student supports (internships, career counseling)	244 (24.52%)	398 (40.00%)	209 (21.01%)	109 (10.95%)	35 (3.52%)	2.29
Reduce administrative positions to reduce overall costs	341 (35.05%)	234 (24.05%)	169 (17.37%)	125 (12.85%)	104 (10.69%)	2.40
Require public institutions to disclose the following during the application process: a) the total college cost of tuition, b) the total cost and payment duration of loans, c) the long-term income outlook for all majors	341 (34.03%)	137 (13.67%)	292 (29.14%)	117 (11.68%)	115 (11.48%)	2.53
Prioritize financial aid distribution to serve more targeted populations	48 (5.11%)	124 (13.21%)	166 (17.68%)	385 (41.00%)	216 (23.00%)	3.64
Increase state funding for colleges and universities	144 (15.16%)	65 (6.84%)	101 (10.63%)	188 (19.79%)	452 (47.58%)	3.78

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4. Under current policy, new gas car sales may be phased out by 2035 to match California’s stricter standards. Which statement best reflects your view?

Answer	Count	Percent
Do not force out gas cars; oppose linking Virginia to California	1038	86.00%
Use tax dollars to fund electric infrastructure to expand charging stations	84	6.96%
Provide tax incentives to subsidize the high costs of electric vehicles	60	4.97%
Phase out new gas vehicles regardless of the inconvenience	25	2.07%

5. Thinking of ways to reduce gun violence, do you think Virginia should:

Answer	Count	Percent
Increase penalties on individuals who use or brandish firearms in the commission of a felony	810	58.36%
Establish a gun registry to track and retain personal information on prospective buyers	267	19.24%
Keep laws the same	211	15.20%
Make it easier to legally buy a firearm	100	7.20%

6. How do you believe felons’ rights (including voting) should be restored?

Answer	Count	Percent
Upon completion of parole and payment of restitution (if applicable)	721	60.74%
Governor restores rights (current law)	393	33.11%
As soon as the individual is released from prison	73	6.15%

7. Which of the following would make Virginia’s voting process more transparent and secure?

Answer	Count	Percent
Require photo identification and require the Commonwealth to provide the ID at no charge to Virginians	768	47.22%
Require surveillance of all ballot drop boxes	302	18.57%
Reduce the 45 day early-voting window BUT expand the morning and evening hours to ensure that working Virginians can vote before or after work	292	17.96%
Nothing. Current laws are adequate.	264	16.24%

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8. Some members of the General Assembly are proposing a Constitutional Amendment concerning abortion. They propose that abortion would be legal for any reason during the first two trimesters—up to 26 weeks, or past the point of viability. The Commonwealth could continue to place some limits on abortion during the third trimester. If this amendment were on the ballot, would you support or oppose it??

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	789	66.58%
Oppose	396	33.42%

9. Some members of the General Assembly are proposing a Constitutional Amendment to repeal the same-sex marriage ban in Virginia’s Constitution to bring it into line with the Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriages in the United States. Whether or not the amendment passes, same-sex marriage is legal in Virginia now, and would continue to be legal due to the Supreme Court’s ruling. If this amendment were on the ballot, would you support or oppose it?

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	647	55.39%
Oppose	521	44.61%

10. Virginia is home to nearly 800,000 Veterans. Although some veteran services (such as healthcare) are largely overseen by the federal government, Virginia can and should adopt policies welcoming to veterans. Please rank the following in the order you think they should be prioritized by the General Assembly:

Answer	Highest Priority (1)	2	3	Lowest Priority (4)	Average
Prioritizing programs allowing veterans to use existing skills and training to enter the workforce	239 (21.95%)	435 (39.94%)	281 (25.80%)	134 (12.30%)	2.28
Continuing the military family college tuition waiver program	127 (11.69%)	237 (21.82%)	454 (41.80%)	268 (24.68%)	2.79
Additional veteran specific tax relief (on income and personal property)	305 (27.90%)	123 (11.25%)	163 (14.91%)	502 (45.93%)	2.79
Programs allowing veterans and military spouses to transfer credentials and licensing so they can bring their skills to the Commonwealth	483 (43.24%)	291 (26.05%)	177 (15.85%)	52 (4.75%)	3.78