Virginia General Assembly 2024 Session - Participation Guide
January 10 - March 09

How to Track Legislation

- The Virginia Assembly's Lobbyist-in-a-Box (LIAB) service allows you to track up to 5 bills for free. If you'd like to track more than 5 bills, there is a paid option ($400 for state agencies and $600 for everyone else).
- To use the LIAB, sign up here with your email, name, and password.
- Activate your account through your email.
- Go to the https://lis.virginia.gov/ homepage, press Login in the top right corner and enter your credentials.
- Return to the LIS homepage and click this box, which will take you to the LIAB service.

- To add bills that you'd like to track, enter the bill number in the search bar under "maintain bills on this profile." You can search by keyword, date, committee, or patron, but it is easiest to just put in the bill number with no spaces, such as: "HB1124".

You can view your bills and associated information in a report, csv file, or composite view, like this:

To receive notifications related to your bills, select when you'd like to be notified by clicking on the corresponding links on your profile page. Enter your email, and press "update."

You can also view and track legislation on https://www.vpap.org/general-assembly/issues/ which provides a better interface to search and view progress on bills, but does not have a notification system.

How to Submit Public Comment and Testify at Meetings

Submit public comment

Written testimony can be submitted anytime to the committee that is considering the bill. To submit public comments, you can find the bill you're interested in by going to the Committees page on Speak, selecting the committee considering the bill, and finding the bill you want to submit comments for. After selecting the bill, hit "Next" and it will take you to a page where you can write and submit your public testimony.

Testify at a meeting

Signing up to testify can only be done after a bill has been added to a meeting docket. Sign up for morning meetings is open until midnight the day before, and sign up for afternoon meetings is open until noon the day before. Once you sign up, the General Assembly will provide a zoom link and any further information.

To sign up to speak at a committee hearing, you can view the House Meeting Schedule, which has committee meeting agendas and sign up links. To testify at a specific meeting, click the "Signup to speak or submit comments" link for the meeting you're interested in. This will take you to the SPEAK page for submitting a request to speak at the meeting and for submitting public comment.