

Capitol Contact

Virginia General Assembly

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General Assembly Convenes, Adopts Schedule for 2025 General Assembly Session

The 2025 General Assembly convened under unusual circumstances yesterday, amid widespread water outages in the City of Richmond resulting from failures at the City's water treatment plant during a snowstorm earlier in the week. In order to minimize time spent by legislators, staff, and the public in buildings without running water, the

legislature convened on January 8 to meet its Constitutional obligation, completed its organizational business, including adopting a schedule for the remainder of the session, and then adjourned until Monday, January 13.

Key dates for the 2025 session, as approved by the General Assembly in its procedural resolution, are as follows:

- **Wednesday, January 8:** General Assembly convenes. Last day to introduce legislation creating or continuing a study, or legislation regarding the Virginia Retirement System
- **Friday, January 10:** Deadline for Senate budget amendments
- **Monday, January 13:** Governor’s State of the Commonwealth Address; last day to pre-file legislation (by 10 a.m.); deadline to submit House budget amendments
- **Friday, January 17:** Last day to file bills, except for bills offered by unanimous consent or bills submitted on behalf of the Governor
- **Sunday, February 2:** “Budget Sunday” deadline for House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees to report their respective budgets by midnight
- **Tuesday, February 4:** “Crossover” deadline for each chamber to complete work on legislation originating in that chamber (except the budget bill)
- **Thursday, February 6:** Deadline for each chamber to complete work on its budget bill
- **Wednesday, February 12:** Deadline for each chamber to complete consideration of the other chamber’s budget bill and revenue bills
- **Monday, February 17:** Deadline for committee action on legislation by midnight
- **Saturday, February 22:** Scheduled adjournment *sine die*
- **Wednesday, April 2:** Reconvened session for consideration of Governor’s amendments and vetoes

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Look for Capitol Contact on Tuesdays & Thursdays during General Assembly Session

The 2025 General Assembly session convened on Wednesday, but we'll have to wait until Monday for legislators to deliberate on the many issues of critical importance to local government, including the state budget, taxes, education funding, economic development, public safety, broadband, and other policy matters.

VACo will continually provide updates during the session through [Capitol Contact](#), which will be published every Tuesday and Thursday. In addition, VACo will email Capitol Contact Alerts to County Officials on important issues before they are heard by select committees.

Please check [VACo's website](#) and the [General Assembly webpage](#) often to get the latest information and bill updates. Also, be on the lookout for legislative videos with state lawmakers and VACo Staff. VACo will continue to release its newsletter, [County Connections](#), around the first and 15th of each month.

And be sure to attend [County Government Day](#) on Thursday, January 23 at the Omni Richmond Hotel. Help protect local authority and be a part of the legislative process at the 2025 General Assembly Session.

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Advocate for Your Community at the VACo County Government Day

Thursday, January 23, 2025 | [Omni Richmond Hotel](#)

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

It's a day for us. Counties. It's a day for us to learn how the decisions being made by the General Assembly might affect us. And it's a day to make our voices heard. Attend

County Government Day. Then visit the Capitol to meet with your legislators and observe committee meetings. Later join us for a reception.

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025

Reserve a Room: [Omni Richmond Hotel Room Link](#)

Who should attend: ALL County Supervisors and staff are encouraged to register and attend.

Registration Fee

\$100 | Includes Day Briefing (Noon – 2pm) and Reception (430pm – 630pm)

Agenda

- **9am** | VACo Board of Directors Meeting
- **10am** | Registration
- **1130am** | Lunch
- **Noon** | VACo County Government Day
- **Afternoon** | Visit the Capitol to speak with legislators
- **430pm-630pm** | VACo Legislative Reception | Omni Richmond Hotel

Please email Valerie Russell at vrussell@vaco.org with questions.

For information on how to reach your representatives, see the [Virginia House of Delegates](#) and the [Senate of Virginia](#) member websites. Find information about VACo's positions in the [2025 Legislative Program](#). We will distribute the County Government Day Bulletin before the event.

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