

# The 2002 Virginia Student / Parent Mock Election - Student Ballot

## Candidate Ballot

(Please mark your votes clearly in the boxes next to your candidates' names. Also, please vote only for those candidates who are running in your congressional district.)

### United States Senate:

- John W. Warner (Republican)
- Jacob G. Hornberger, Jr. (Independent)
- Nancy B. Spannaus (Independent)

### United States House of Representatives:

1st District

- Jo Ann S. Davis (Republican)

2nd District

- Ed L. Schrock (Republican)
- D.C. Amarasinghe (Green)

3rd District

- Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (Democrat)

4th District

- J. Randy Forbes (Republican)

5th District

- Virgil H. Goode, Jr. (Republican)
- Meredith M. Richards (Democrat)

6th District

- R.W. "Bob" Goodlatte (Republican)

7th District

- Eric I. Cantor (Republican)
- Ben L. "Cooter" Jones (Democrat)

8th District

- Jim P. Moran, Jr. (Democrat)
- Scott C. Tate (Republican)
- Ronald V. Crickenberger (Libertarian)

9th District

- Fredrick C. Boucher (Democrat)
- Jay K. Katzen (Republican)

10th District

- Frank R. Wolf (Republican)
- John B. Stevens (Democrat)
- S. Ann Robinson (Green)

11th District

- Tom M. Davis (Republican)
- Frank W. Creel (Constitution)

## Issue Ballot:

It has been proposed that the government offer parents of school children in grades K-12 school vouchers to be used for tuition to private schools of their choice, including parochial schools. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

- Agree
- Disagree

It has been proposed that private corporations be required to provide the funds to clean up land, air, or water pollution they cause in the manufacture or delivery of goods they produce. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

- Agree
- Disagree

It has been proposed that the Ten Commandments be posted in public school classrooms. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

- Agree
- Disagree

Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to permit the Supreme Court to consider, as part of its original jurisdiction, claims of actual innocence presented by convicted felons in the cases and manner provided by the General Assembly?

- Yes
- No

Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow localities by ordinance, rather than the General Assembly by law, to exempt property from taxation that is used for charitable and certain other purposes, subject to the restrictions and conditions provided by general law?

- Yes
- No

Shall Chapters 827 and 859, Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the maximum amount of \$900,488,645 pursuant to Article X, Section 9(b) of the Constitution of Virginia for capital projects for educational facilities, take effect?

- Yes
- No

Shall Chapters 854 and 884, Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the maximum amount of \$119,040,000 pursuant to Article X, Section 9(b) of the Constitution of Virginia for capital projects for parks and recreational facilities, take effect?

- Yes
- No

## Regional Questions:

Only answer any of the following questions if you live in a county, city, or town referenced in the question.

Shall an additional sales and use tax of one-half of one percent be imposed in Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Prince William County, the City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax, the City of Falls Church, the City of Manassas, and the City of Manassas Park, with the revenues to be used solely for regional transportation projects and programs as specified in Chapter 853 of the Acts of Assembly of 2002?

- Yes
- No

Shall an additional sales and use tax of one percent be imposed in Isle of Wight County, James City County, York County, the City of Chesapeake, the City of Hampton, the City of Newport News, the City of Norfolk, the City of Poquoson, the City of Portsmouth, the City of Suffolk, the City of Virginia Beach, and the City of Williamsburg, with the revenues to be used solely for regional transportation projects and programs as specified in Chapter 853 of the Acts of Assembly of 2002?"

- Yes
- No

# The Ballot

## Now it is your turn to voice your opinion!

*Below, you will find several questions that you can vote upon.*

Think carefully about the questions asked and cast an informed vote!

- There are 5 issues listed below, check the box next to the issue that you feel should be policymakers' top priority over the other 4.**
  - 1. the environment
  - 2. education
  - 3. the economy and corporate ethics
  - 4. homeland security
  - 5. healthcare
- Check the box next to the issue you feel should be a second priority.**
  - a. the environment
  - b. education
  - c. the economy and corporate ethics
  - d. homeland security
  - e. healthcare
- Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on economic policy?**
  - a. I prefer Republican policies because they lower taxes and allow Americans to spend money as they see fit.
  - b. I prefer Democratic policies because they have more concern for social welfare and use tax revenues to fund important government services.
  - c. Republicans are too concerned with the welfare of the rich. Democrats are too concerned with the welfare of the poor. I don't like either party's policies.
  - d. I prefer neither Republican nor Democratic policies because individuals should be totally free from government interference in their economic decisions.
- Which of the following statements most closely matches your views on the debate between homeland security and civil liberties?**
  - a. Maintaining homeland security is so important that constitutional rights should hardly be considered at all.
  - b. It is worth sacrificing some constitutional rights for greater security.
  - c. Both are important but maintaining constitutional rights is more important than greater security.
  - d. Defending and pursuing our Constitutional rights is the best kind of homeland security our nation can have.
- Check the box that most closely reflects your opinion on the following statement:**
  - a. Government-funded school vouchers should be used so that students in failing schools will receive better educations at better schools.
  - b. Government-funded school vouchers should not be used. They could result in troubled schools with less-talented students and fewer resources when students who can leave do leave.
  - c. Some form of school choice is needed, but tax dollars should not be used to fund private or religious schools.
  - d. Leave the present system as it is. Everything considered, it is pretty good as it is.
- Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on healthcare policy?**
  - a. The government should ensure that prescription drug costs come down, even if it means raising taxes or allocating less money to other programs.
  - b. Prescription drug costs should be lowered, but market competition can be more effective at doing so than government regulation.
  - c. Individuals should be responsible for their own healthcare services, free from government interference or help.
- Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on environmental/energy policy?**
  - a. Since business drives the U.S. economy and world leadership, the government should impose minimal environmental regulations on business.
  - b. In the current international situation, sustaining domestic energy sources is more important than environmental conservation.
  - c. More emphasis should be placed on energy sources that are sustainable and environmentally friendly, such as solar or wind power.
  - d. The government should provide tax incentives to Americans who buy alternative-fuel or fuel-efficient cars, even if providing those tax incentives requires raising taxes on traditional fuels such as gasoline.