



Virginia General Assembly: Virginia House of Delegates

OFFICE: Virginia House of Delegates

TERM: Two Years

SALARY: \$17,640

DUTIES: Legislative power in the Commonwealth of Virginia is vested in a General Assembly consisting of a Senate and a House of Delegates. Chief responsibilities are to adopt the state budget, enact laws, levy taxes, elect judges and confirm appointments by the Governor.

QUESTIONS:

In light of Virginia's requirement of a balanced **BUDGET**, what **changes** to programs, services, taxes, or fees would you propose or support to achieve a balanced budget?

What is your vision for balancing Virginia's **TRANSPORTATION** needs and **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**?

In light of this year's controversies about drawing the lines of Virginia's legislative districts, would you support legislation or a Constitutional amendment to require future redistricting decisions to be made by using a nonpartisan process? What specific measures do you believe most likely to achieve non-partisan **REDISTRICTING** plans for Virginia?

What would be your top **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY** during the 2012 General Assembly session? How would you address this issue?

Candidates in House District 44

(Vote for not more than one)

John D. Barsa

Republican - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: John Barsa currently works in the information technology field.^o He has a distinguished history of public service; U.S. Army Reserves, U.S. House of Representatives, NASA, and DHS.^o He holds a degree in International Relations.^o He is married to Lisa and has two daughters, Camille and Olivia.



BUDGET: We are fortunate to have a requirement for a balanced budget. Too many states with no such requirement have spent more than they took in and are now paying a painful price. Balancing a budget demands thoughtful examinations of both revenues and expenditures with an eye towards reigning in out of control spending. We must continue down the path Governor McDonnell has blazed to ensure that we continue to look towards effective funding and management of core government functions with an eye towards reducing other expenditures.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS: Improving transportation and protecting the environment are not mutually exclusive. For example, improving transportation infrastructure so that people spend less time in cars producing engine exhaust improves our atmosphere. My vision is to respectfully listen to all concerns, question assumptions, and move forward in a bi-partisan manner to meet Virginia's transportation needs while respecting the environment.

REDISTRICTING: Every decade, since the beginning of our country, debate flares anew over the drawing of legislative boundaries. I appreciate the complexity of this issue and the number of factors that need to be considered. I am not aware of any actual or proposed "solution" that all parties agree to as being "fair". I will gladly consider all options.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: The General Assembly can ensure that the preconditions for economic prosperity remain strong in the Commonwealth. It can also help our citizens be as competitive as possible in obtaining and maintaining employment in this international economy. My top legislative priority would be to expand access to adult education opportunities in my district for the unemployed, underemployed and anyone else who wished to improve their competitiveness in the job market. By keeping as many people employed as possible, and bringing as many people as possible back into the workforce and tax base, we increase individual prosperity and our communities' economic vitality.

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Scott A. Surovell

Democrat - Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Member, Virginia House of Delegates, 2010-11. Married Years to Erinn Madden. Father of Eva (10), Leia (9), Mara (6), and Colin (5). Founding Partner, Surovell Isaacs Petersen & Levy PLC. Born, Washington, D.C. 8/21/71. West Potomac High School, 1989; James Madison University, 1993; University of Virginia School of Law, 1996.



BUDGET: We should adopt a constitutional amendment prohibiting "borrowing" from the Virginia Retirement System. Virginia cannot afford the repeal of the estate tax which only benefits 200 Virginia families annually and has cost taxpayers over \$750 million since 2005. Tax credits for Hollywood movie producers are luxuries we should cut, and programs for non-violent offenders such as drug courts and veteran's courts that keep people out of jail and save taxpayer funds should be expanded.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS: Virginia localities must create walkable, transit-friendly communities and invest state transportation dollars in transit, not only roads. The extension of the Yellow Line from Huntington to Lorton would stimulate redevelopment, job growth, revitalization and revenues and mitigate traffic challenges created by job growth on Fort Belvoir. Virginia must also invest in alternative, low-polluting energy and adopt tax incentives and mandates to make lower-polluting technologies more competitive.

REDISTRICTING: Partisan redistricting is at the core of political gridlock and excessive partisanship in both Richmond and Washington, D.C. I have consistently supported nonpartisan redistricting. Politicians should not pick their voters - voters should pick their elected officials. We must approve a constitutional amendment requiring a nonpartisan citizen commission to draw lines based on non-partisan criteria such as jurisdictional boundaries and communities of interest.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: My number one legislative priority is to address our transportation maintenance and construction failures and extend the Yellow Line to Lorton. Virginia's failure to honestly address transportation is a damper on economic growth and revitalization of areas like the Route 1 Corridor and Telegraph Road southeastern Fairfax County. Virginia's highway maintenance funding formula should be based on miles travelled, not lane miles. Our gas tax has not been adjusted for inflation since 1986 and I have introduced legislation two years in a row to ensure our votes on the Commonwealth Transportation Board reflect Northern Virginia's actual population.

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Joseph A. "Joe" Glean

Independent - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: A pro-life, Reagan conservative, being run as an Independent candidate, on the ballot by voter petition. AIP/IG endorsed. Studied Constitutional Government, Liberty University (1994). State Campaign Coordinator, "Virginia for Alan Keyes" (2008). Devoted husband. Proud father of four daughters and one son (deceased). Lifelong resident of Mount Vernon



BUDGET: We must continue to work toward conservative economic solutions that are in keeping with America's founding principles and that are consistent with our nation's most fundamental doctrines of Independence.

TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS: Voter apathy is bad for the environment. It has resulted in the implementation of corrupt, state-imposed "family planning" initiatives, derived from new-age concepts of quality control, myths of overpopulation, and the government's eagerness to capitalize on a strange public fascination with eugenics-inspired theories about social improvement. Take a moment to consider the most tragic environmental disasters we've ever faced. None have been more detrimental to the human family than the neglectful inaction of those who, year after year, forfeit the opportunity to exert their moral influence at the ballot-box. Many have become accustomed to taking cues directly from the party bosses, the money people, the media, the political lobbyists, and the special interest groups. Others have been gulled into believing that their Christian voice has no place in politics, and so they simply sit on the sidelines and rarely (if ever) bother to show up at the polls. Given these particulars, I can think of no transportation concern of greater environmental consequence than finding a way to get ourselves, our friends, and our neighbors to the polls on Election Day, in order to rid ourselves of Democrat incumbents like Scott Surovell, and to oppose the campaigns of counterfeited Republicans like John Barsa.

REDISTRICTING: There's hardly any doubt that our "free election" system has become something of a sham. Two parties, same result, no matter how you slice it.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: We must protect our religious freedom against those forces that wish to implement a "state religion" comprised of secular humanism, moral relativism, and other oppressive, state-imposed doctrines, aimed at suppressing true religious freedom and displacing our God-given rights.

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