

***In 2017/2018 You Are Encouraged To Exercise
All of Your Rights as Citizens In Virginia . . .***

2017 Checklist



- Ensure **ALL** In Your Family and Church Are Registered To Vote
- Plan A Series of Four NAACP Voter Registration Drives
- Host NAACP Voter Registration/GOTV Virtual Phone Banks
- Plan Four NAACP Membership Drives in Your Church
- Conduct Three Voter Education/Voter Advocacy Seminars
- Meet and Discuss Issues with Your Local State Legislators

- Host Town Hall Meetings with Your Local Elected Officials
- Identify and Assist Returning Citizens* to Register Then Vote
- Organize Your Church's Souls To The Polls Activities
- Start to Plan Your Local Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Strategies
- Plan Your Areas Election Day www.CarpoolVote.com Activities
- E mail Us **TODAY** to Be Part of the 2018 NAACP Lobby Team
- Plan to Attend 2018 NAACP Lobby Day on January 16, 2018



NOTE: VSC NAACP Lobby Team members are available to directly assist you with planning and hosting your local activities and programs – ***send us an e mail TODAY to get started.***

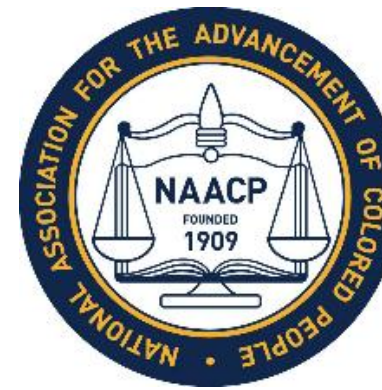
For More Info & Help with Your 2017/2018 Planning Efforts

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Visit: www.VANAACP.org

**In the past called ex-felons, ex-cons and other terms. Many of whom are now solid parents to their children and grandchildren. As well as deacons, deaconesses and trustees in our churches, good providers for their families, business owners, dedicated/excellent employees and some of our BEST community leaders.*

KJV Matthew 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you.



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Summary of

**Virginia State Conference NAACP's
2017 Lobby Team Lobbying Activities and
Lobby Day Update for Our Community Partners**

January 11, 2017 – February 24, 2017

2017 Legislation Supported by VSC NAACP

HB1431 Voter registration drives; compensation prohibitions

HB1534 Student discipline; long-term suspension

HB1536 Student discipline; suspension or expulsion of students in preschool through grade five

HB1547 Historical African American cemeteries/graves; disbursement of funds appropriated for preservation

HB1924 Public schools; suspensions

HB2296 African Americans, formerly enslaved; identification of history in Virginia

HB2386 Unpaid court fine; increases collection grace period

SB825 New sentencing hearing; abolition of parole

SB933 DCJS training; jail officers; mental health first aid

SB978 Minimum wage eventual increase up to \$15.00

SB1047 DCJS training standards; community engaged policing

SB1229 Driver's license or learner's permit; issuance, minimum standards for vision tests

SB1269 Marijuana; decriminalization of simple possession

SB1091 Marijuana offenses; driver's license forfeiture

SJ60 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission established, criteria

SJ243 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights

SJ319 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications of voters and the right to vote



2018 General Assembly Legislative Concerns

HJ628 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission established (first reference)

HB2434 Community schools; Department of Education to establish taskforce for pilot program

SJ230 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission, criteria to redraw certain districts

SJ223 Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters and executive clemency (first reference)

2017 Legislation Opposed by VSC NAACP

HB1400 Virginia Virtual School Board; established, report

HB1428 Absentee voting; photo identification required with application

HB1430/31 Third-party registration groups; registration, disclosure, and recordkeeping requirements, etc

HB2000 Sanctuary City/Immigration laws policies; prohibited

HB2213 TANF; time limit on receipt of financial assistance

HB2411 Health insurance; reinstating pre-Affordable Care Act provisions

SJ223 Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters and executive clemency (first reference)



2017 VSC NAACP Significant "Wins"

HB1547 Historical African American cemeteries/graves; disbursement of funds appropriated for preservation

HB2043 Law-enforcement officer; public release of identifying information WITHDRAWN by Bill Patron

HB2296 African Americans, formerly enslaved; identification of history in Virginia

SJ223 Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters and executive clemency (first reference)

HB1431 WEAKENED/AMENDED

For detail information about each Bill, go to: www.RichmondSunlight.com



VSC NAACP Lobby Day
2017 Iron Man Awardee
Robert Barnette
*For Unwavering Service to
Virginia State Conference NAACP
during the 2017 Virginia
General Assembly Session*

So You Know . . .

The Virginia General Assembly is the oldest legislative body in the nation. You learned about its precursor Jamestown's House of Burgesses during elementary school. Both Senate and House of Delegates members you elect meet in Richmond annually during the General Assembly to form state laws and regulations which govern all of our daily lives.

It's time for **EVERYONE** to advocate for non-partisan redistricting, more money for public education, absentee voting expansion, Restoration of Voting Rights and other key items.

To prepare for the Fall elections, the NAACP will offer a series of activities and events to allow EVERY citizen to be more directly involved in Virginia's electoral and legislative processes.

Our 2018 NAACP Lobby Team and Lobby Day activities will provide more opportunities for your direct involvement and advocacy during the General Assembly as concerned citizens, pastors, church congregations, groups and organizations all across Virginia.

This document provides a sense of our 2017 accomplishments, ideas about how you can be more involved in the 2017 Virginia elections and become part of VSC NAACP's 2018 Lobby Team as we prepare for the very important January 2018 General Assembly session.

The 2017/2018 VSC NAACP Lobby Team

- 2018 VSC NAACP Lobby Day events and activities are being planned right now
- To help enhance the Team's efforts and activities, you are invited to join us
- To become part of VSC NAACP's 2018 Lobby Day Team and participate in 2018 Lobby Day events and activities please:

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2017 VSC NAACP Lobby Team members and some of the Lobby Day participants after the NAACP Lobby Day Press Conference held in the Virginia General Assembly Building's Press Room

VSC NAACP Lobby Team and Lobby Day Objectives:

- To help rally and actively engage NAACP members, church congregations, groups and organizations all across Virginia
- To actively engage Legislators about important issues before, during and after Virginia General Assembly sessions
- Research/review legislation proposed by Legislators that is important to NAACP members and voters across Virginia
- To actively support **good** legislation and very aggressively oppose **bad** legislation regardless of who introduces the Bill
- Challenge the legislative process and Legislators in supporting the interests of NAACP members and citizens in Virginia
- Help to identify methods to improve the process of drawing/redrawing Virginia's State and Federal legislative districts