



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA DATE:** 4/17/2019

**TITLE:**

2019 Legislative Update

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Review of the 2019 General Assembly session

**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Information Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Kamptner

**PRESENTER (S):** Greg Kamptner

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** Each year the Board of Supervisors considers and adopts its legislative priorities. The Board adopted four legislative priorities for the 2019 General Assembly session pertaining to courts, notices of zoning violations, carrying certain firearms in public places, and monuments and memorials.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Quality Government Operations: Ensure County government's capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

**DISCUSSION:** Two of the Board's four legislative priorities will become law on July 1, 2019. The bills addressing the Board's four priorities are summarized below. Attachment A provides a summary of all of the new legislation that may have the greatest interest to the Board and to the County.

**Passed**

**HB 2239 Court buildings; ownership, location and jurisdiction.** Amends §§ 15.2-1638, 16.1-69.35, 16.1-77, and 16.1-123.1 of the Code of Virginia and adds § 16.1-69.35:01 to allow courthouses to be located on property owned jointly by a county and city. Other changes allow Albemarle County to locate its general district courts immediately across the street from the county courthouse and clarifies certain jurisdictional issues in cases where a county general district court is established in a city. (*Patron: Bell, Robert B.*)

**HB 1698 Zoning Appeals, Board of; written order, certified mail.** Amends § 15.2-2311 of the Code of Virginia to authorize a locality to send a zoning administrator's written order using certified mail. Current law allows an order to be sent only by registered mail. (*Patron: Fariss*)

**Failed**

**HB 2377 War veterans; removal or upkeep of monument or memorial.** This bill would have amended § 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia to enable a locality to remove or provide for the upkeep, maintenance, or contextualization of any monument or memorial for war veterans located in its public space, regardless of when erected. Current law makes it unlawful to disturb or interfere with such monuments or memorials or to prevent citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation,

and care of such monuments or memorials. (*Patron: Toscano and others*)

**SB 1482 Prohibition on carrying of certain firearms in public places; County of Albemarle and City of Charlottesville; penalty.** This bill would have amended § 18.2-287.4 of the Code of Virginia to add the County of Albemarle and the City of Charlottesville to the list of localities in which it is unlawful for a person to carry certain firearms in public places. (*Patron: Deeds*)

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There is no budget impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No action is required at this time, however, staff welcomes any feedback from the Board.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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