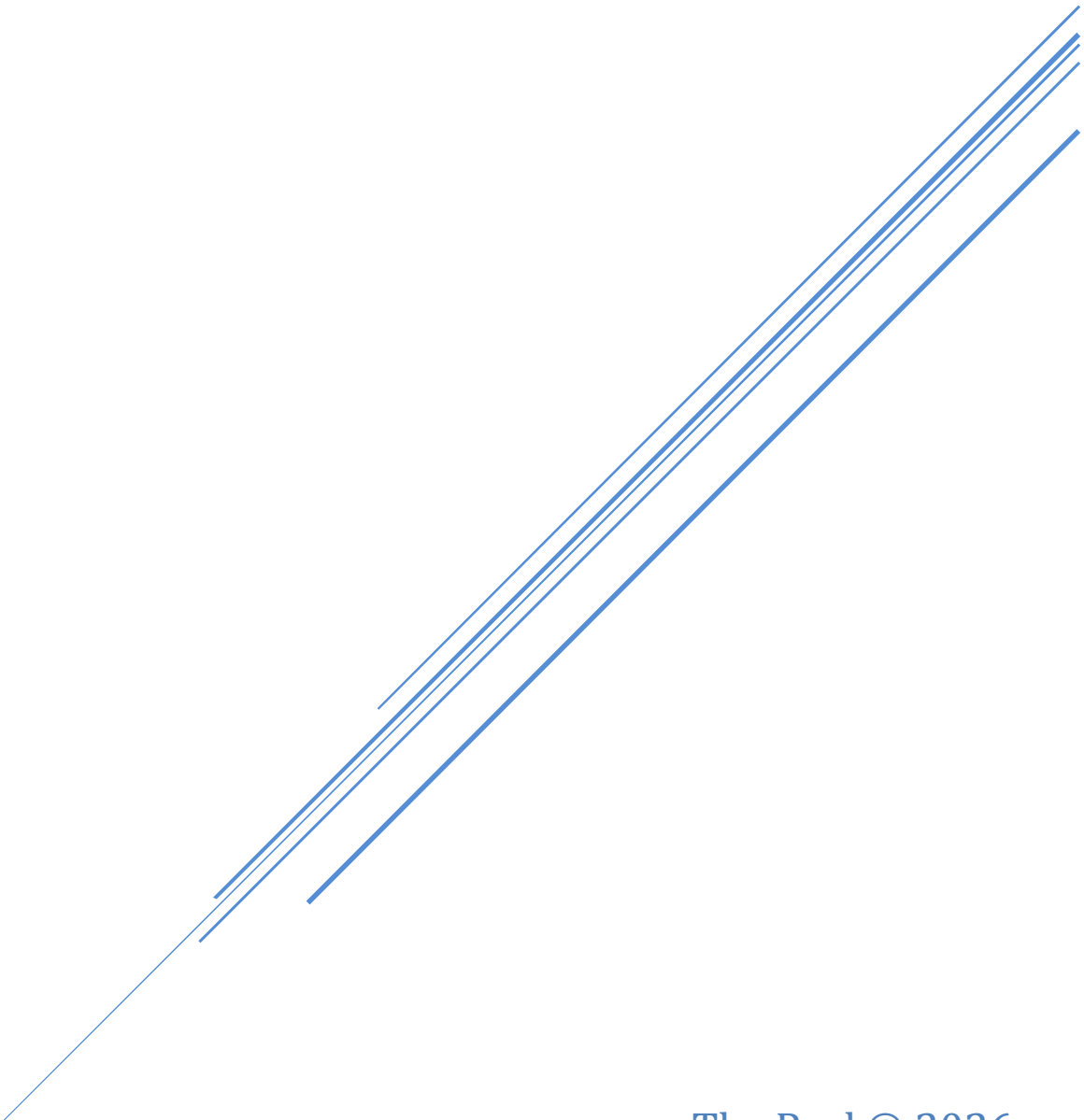


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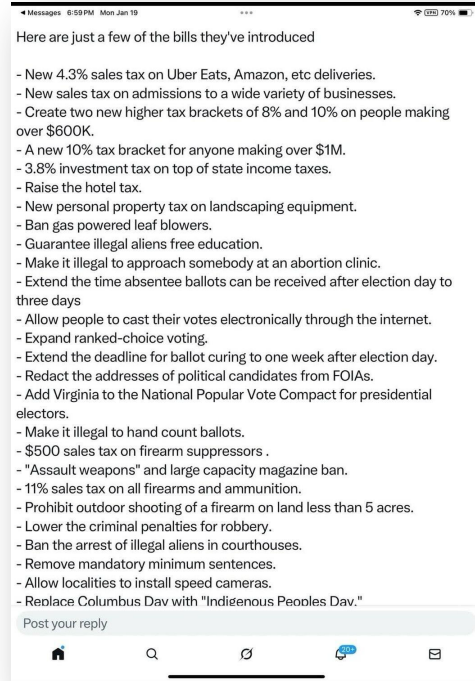


Virginia 2026 Legislative Claims – Executive Summary

This report documents a structured fact-checking review of claims circulating on social media platforms about Virginia’s 2026 General Assembly proposed legislation.

Method: Each claim from the circulated list was reviewed, then matched to introduced bills where possible. For matched bills, the claim was checked against bill summaries and full bill text when available. Where no matching bill was found in the provided bill set, the report states that clearly.

Key findings: Only a small number of claims correspond to real introduced legislation. Several real bills are being mischaracterized. Most claims reviewed have no identifiable legislative basis in the provided bill set.



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Legend

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
This column will list the bill number and name. These can be looked up online at: https://lis.virginia.gov	If there is an asterisk in this column, it means there is an active bill in the Virginia Senate.	If there is an asterisk in this column, it means there is an active bill in the Virginia House.	This is a very short summary of the bill. Summaries often do not give you the full flavor of the bill in question.	The probability of the claim being true is listed here. The higher the number, the more truth there is to the claim.

Claim: New 4.3% sales tax on Uber Eats, Amazon , etc deliveries .

Claim should read: Expand the existing 4.3% sales tax to cover delivery and shipping services as part of a broader services tax.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
HB 978 — Sales and use tax; taxable services		*	Expands taxable services to include delivery or shipping services and applies the 4.3% state sales tax rate.	0.85

Claim: New sales tax on admissions to a wide variety of businesses .

Claim should read: Allow counties to impose an admissions tax on attendance at any event.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
HB 550 — Admissions tax in counties	*	*	Authorizes counties to levy an admissions tax on attendance at any event.	0.95
SB 400 — Admissions tax in counties	*	*	Companion bill expanding county admissions-tax authority.	0.95

Claim: Create two new higher tax brackets of 8% and 10% on people making over \$600K.

Claim should read: No bill creates new 8% or 10% income tax brackets at \$600K.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such brackets proposed in reviewed legislation.	0.05

Claim: A new 10% tax bracket for anyone making over \$1 M.

Claim should read: No bill creates a new 10% income tax bracket for income over \$1M.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such proposal identified.	0.05

Claim: 3.8% investment tax on top of state income taxes.

Claim should read: No bill imposes a new 3.8% investment or capital-income tax.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No investment surtax identified.	0.05

Claim: Raise the hotel tax.

Claim should read: No statewide bill raises the hotel tax.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No statewide hotel tax increase identified.	0.10

Claim: New personal property tax on landscaping equipment.

Claim should read: No bill creates a new personal property tax on landscaping equipment.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such tax identified.	0.05

Claim: Ban gas powered leaf blowers.

Claim should read: No statewide ban on gas-powered leaf blowers.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No statewide ban identified.	0.05

Claim: Guarantee illegal aliens free education .

Claim should read: No bill creates a new guarantee of free education for undocumented immigrants.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such guarantee identified.	0.05

Claim: Make it illegal to approach somebody at an abortion clinic.

Claim should read: No bill criminalizes approaching individuals at abortion clinics.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such prohibition identified.	0.05

Claim: Extend the time absentee ballots can be received after election day to three days

Claim should read: No bill extends absentee ballot receipt beyond Election Day.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such extension identified.	0.10

Claim: Allow people to cast their votes electronically through the internet.

Claim should read: No bill authorizes internet voting.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			Internet voting not authorized.	0.01

Claim: Expand ranked-choice voting.

Claim should read: No bill expands ranked-choice voting statewide.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No statewide expansion identified.	0.10

Claim: Extend the deadline for ballot curing to one week after election day.

Claim should read: No bill extends ballot curing deadlines to one week after Election Day.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such extension identified.	0.10

Claim: Redact the addresses of political candidates from FOIAs.

Claim should read: No bill broadly redacts candidate addresses from FOIA requests.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such redaction identified.	0.10

Claim: Add Virginia to the National Popular Vote Compact for presidential electors.

Claim should read: No bill adds Virginia to the National Popular Vote Compact.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such bill identified.	0.05

Claim: Make it illegal to hand count ballots.

Claim should read: No bill bans hand counting of ballots.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such prohibition identified.	0.01

Claim: \$500 sales tax on firearm suppressors .

Claim should read: No bill imposes a \$500 tax on firearm suppressors.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such tax identified.	0.05

Claim: "Assault weapons" and large capacity magazine ban.

Claim should read: No blanket assault-weapon or magazine ban bill identified.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No categorical ban identified in the bills provided.	0.15

Claim: 11% sales tax on all firearms and ammunition.

Claim should read: No bill imposes an 11% sales tax on firearms or ammunition.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such tax identified.	0.05

Claim: Prohibit outdoor shooting of a firearm on land less than 5 acres.

Claim should read: No bill bans outdoor firearm use based on property size.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No statewide acreage-based prohibition found.	0.05

Claim: Lower the criminal penalties for robbery.

Claim should read: No bill broadly lowers criminal penalties for robbery.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such reduction identified.	0.10

Claim: Ban the arrest of illegal aliens in courthouses.

Claim should read: No bill bans arrests of undocumented immigrants in courthouses.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No such ban identified.	0.05

Claim: Remove mandatory minimum sentences.

Claim should read: No bill removes mandatory minimum sentences across the board.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No blanket removal identified.	0.15

Claim: Allow localities to install speed cameras.

Claim should read: No bill broadly authorizes new local speed-camera programs.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No broad authorization identified.	0.10

Claim: Replace Columbus Day with "Indigenous Peoples Day"

Claim should read: No bill changes the name of Columbus Day.

Bill number and title	Senate	House	Summary as introduced	Match probability
No matching bill			No holiday-name change identified.	0.10