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## About Delegate Joseph Lindsey

I am your elected representative to the Virginia House of Delegates. I represent the 90th House District, an area covering part of Norfolk and Virginia Beach. I am happy to announce my new committee assignment on Commerce and Labor. This committee establishes legislation and or policy as it relates to the State Corporation Commission, public utilities companies, the banking and insurance industries. I continue to work for the benefit of the citizens by serving on Privileges and Elections and Education Committees.

### Committee Assignments:

Commerce and Labor:

Subcommittees:

- \* Subcommittee #2
- \* Special Subcommittee on Energy

Education:

Subcommittee:

- \* Higher Education

Privileges and Elections:

Subcommittees:

- \* Appointments
- \* Constitutional

## Legislation Introduced

I have tried to be informed on the issues important to you this session, I was the patron of more than 100 pieces of legislation designed to address issues such as women's rights, civil rights, voting rights, minimum wage, education, veteran educational and entrepreneurship opportunities. Visit [lis.virginia.gov](http://lis.virginia.gov) to view full bill.

Some of the legislation included:

[HB 2367 Virginia Port Authority: removal of members on Board of Commissioners.](#)

[HB 1510 Appointment of guardian ad litem in civil cases.](#)

[HB 1511 Presentence reports.](#)

[HB 1655 Sentencing guidelines; appeals.](#)

[HB 2382 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act: landlord to inspect vacated dwelling unit.](#)

[HJ 741 Celebrating the life of the Honorable Johnny S. Joannou.](#)

[HR 404 Commending Master Chief Petty Officer William Goines, USN, Ret., first African American US Navy SEALs.](#)

[HB 2182 Voter registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles; opt-out voter registration.](#)

[HB 2134 Law-enforcement agencies, local; body-worn cameras.](#)

[HB 1772 Low-income taxpayer tax credit.](#)

[HB 1776 Hate crimes; gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; penalty.](#)

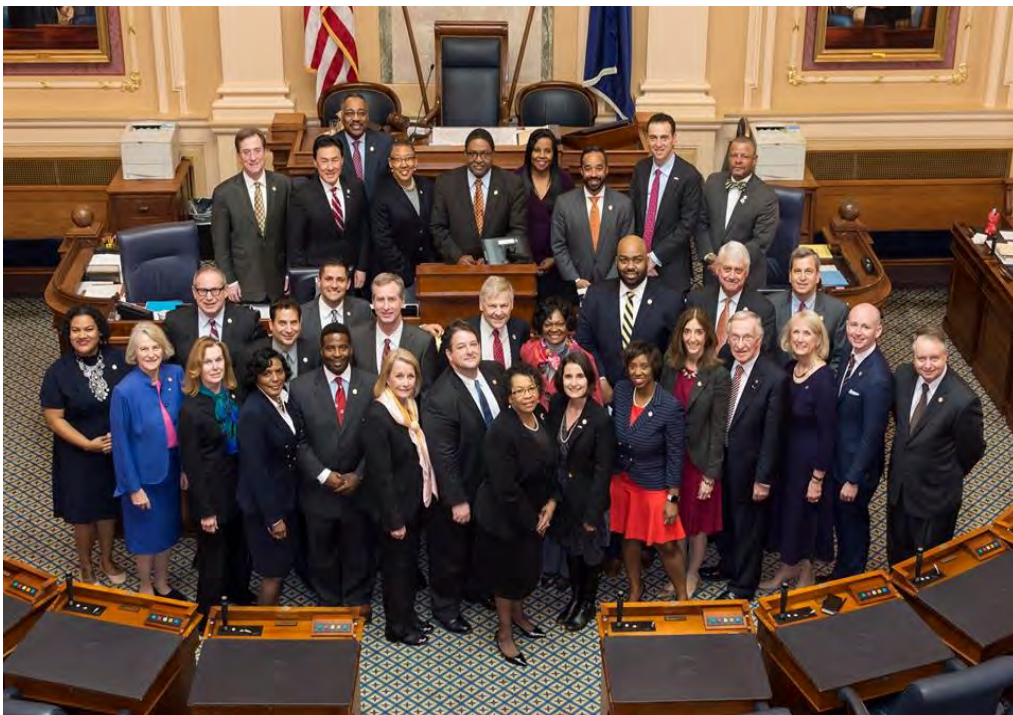
[HB 1841 Virginia Veteran Entrepreneurship Grant Program and Fund.](#)

[HB 1857 Tuition, in-state; eligibility, certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency, etc.](#)

[HB 1904 Voter identification; repeal of photo identification requirements.](#)

[HB 2357 Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility.](#)

## THE VIRGINIA HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS



## Communication To Constituents



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PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS  
EDUCATION  
COMMERCE AND LABOR

Dear Friend:

I am honored to serve the people of the 90<sup>th</sup> House District as your state delegate in the Virginia General Assembly. For those of you who have not had the chance to meet me, I would like to briefly share my background. I am an attorney who has practiced before the Hampton Roads courts for over 30 years. For over 15 of those years, I also served as a substitute judge. I have taken that experience and used it to advocate for your interest.

I pride myself on my ability to listen to you, the people of the 90<sup>th</sup> District. To do this, I maintain regular office hours in Richmond at the General Assembly during the legislative session and in my Norfolk district office during the rest of the year. In addition, we have sent out constituent surveys to gain an appreciation from the people of the district as to which issues are most important to you.

I was happy to host a number of visitors during the General Assembly session this year. Among those visiting the Capitol were members of the Youth Outreach Urban Resources Services (YOURS), Zeta Phi Beta sorority, students from Norfolk State, Old Dominion and Hampton Universities, The Jewish Federation, Children's Health Investment Program of South Hampton Roads (CHIP), and the League of Women Voters. If you visited or would like to see everyone who was able to come by, please follow me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/delegatejoelindsey](http://www.facebook.com/delegatejoelindsey).

This session, I was a patron or co-patron of over 100 pieces of legislation designed to address issues related to law enforcement, civil rights, health and welfare, public safety, education, veteran's services, economic development and entrepreneurship opportunities as well as to celebrate the life and work of people who have left a mark on the Commonwealth. I worked across the aisle to meet the needs of my constituents. You can reach my full legislative agenda on my website at [delegatejoelindsey.com](http://delegatejoelindsey.com).

Yours in Service,

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Delegate 90<sup>th</sup> House District

## Legislative Updates

As a member of the Virginia House Democratic Caucus I pledge to continue the fight to improve life for all citizens of the Commonwealth. Efforts to amend the budget so as to raise the minimum wage, establish paid family leave, and help borrowers refinance student loans were defeated in republican dominated committees.



### Redistricting Reform Gerrymandering

As Virginia is labeled as one of America's most gerrymandered states; bills that passed the Senate with bipartisan support were defeated in the House.

#### [SJ 290](#)

The amendment directs that electoral districts are (i) to be composed of contiguous and compact territory, (ii) to be drawn utilizing existing political boundaries, and (iii) to be as nearly equal in population as is practicable but with variations in the size of districts permitted in order to comply with other reapportionment criteria.

#### [SJ 231](#)

The amendment also establishes the standards to govern redistricting plans, which include the current constitutional standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data.

#### [SB 846](#)

The Commission is tasked with determining and submitting to the General Assembly and the Governor a redistricting plan remedying such unlawful or unconstitutional district. The bill also provides criteria by which the Commission is to draw remedial districts.

### Proposed Budget Amendments

#### [HB 1771 Minimum wage.](#)

Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour effective January 1, 2018, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

#### [HB 2126 Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.](#)

Entitles individuals to a family and medical leave insurance (FMLI) benefit payment for each month they are engaged in qualified caregiving, not to exceed 60 qualified caregiving days per year.

#### [HB 1895 Virginia Student Loan Refinancing Authority.](#)

Establishes the Virginia Student Loan Refinancing Authority, to be governed by a 10-member board, for the purpose of developing and implementing a program by which each individual who incurred qualified education loan debt as a Virginia student at an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth and who is eligible.

I've only written about a few of the initiatives that I have patronized this session. It is an honor to serve you in the House of Delegates and I am proud of the work that we have accomplished together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at [lindseyfordelegate@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyfordelegate@gmail.com) or [Dejilindsey@house.virginia.gov](mailto:Dejilindsey@house.virginia.gov). Visit me on our website [delegatejoelindsey.com](http://delegatejoelindsey.com) or keep up with us on [Facebook.com/Joseph.Lindsey](https://www.facebook.com/Joseph.Lindsey) or [Facebook.com/delegatejoelindsey](https://www.facebook.com/delegatejoelindsey).

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