



Issue: Republican Incumbent Voting Record

Delegate District 31—Lingamfelter

TOP LEGISLATION 2017

Lingamfelter was either the chief sponsor or the co-sponsor of the following bills:

LAW AND ORDER / GUNS

Chief sponsor:

- HB1392--Authorizes school security officers to carry firearms. (Passed House and Senate; signed by governor)
- HB1458--Eliminates fee for background checks for concealed handgun permits. (Bill killed)
- HB1616--Makes a person guilty of felony homicide if s/he gave or sold drugs to someone and that person dies from using that drug. (Bill killed)
- HB1791--Makes it a felony to conspire with others to produce a riot against public safety officers. (Bill vetoed)
- HB2253--Increases the mandatory minimum sentence for using a firearm in the commission of certain felonies. (Bill killed)

Co-sponsor:

- HB1398--Hate crimes include crimes against police, firefighters, and EMTs. (Bill killed)
- HB1822--Personal protection is a valid reason for carrying a dangerous weapon in a place of worship. (Bill killed)
- HB2252--Makes illegal voter registration a felony offense. (Bill killed)

ANTI-GOVERNMENT

Chief sponsor:

- HJ547--Application to Congress to call for a convention of states to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution to restrict the power of the federal government. (Bill killed)
- HB1790--Requires state government agencies to adopt regulations in the least burdensome and least intrusive manner; requires each agency to submit a 10-year schedule for reviewing all of its regulations. (Bill vetoed)

ANTI-ABORTION

Co-sponsor:

- HB1473--Prohibits abortion after 20 weeks unless the life of the mother is at risk; when abortion is allowed, doctor must use a method that is most conducive to the survival of the fetus; violation would be a felony. (Bill killed)



EDUCATION

Co-sponsor:

- HB1605--Allows use of public funds for religious and private schools. (school vouchers--parental choice education savings accounts) (Bill vetoed)

ANTI-LGBT

Co-sponsor:

- HB1612--No individual may enter a bathroom designated for use by the opposite sex in a public-government-controlled building. (Bill killed)

ANTI-IMMIGRATION

Co-sponsor:

- HB2093--Requires a report on the fiscal impact of refugees in Virginia. (Bill killed)

CLOSE VOTES 2017

Lingamfelter voted yes on all of the following bills:

Anti-abortion bills:

- HR268--Day of Tears designates a day of mourning for aborted fetuses. (Bill passed House)
- HB2264--Imposes restrictions on use of state Dept of Health funds for family planning and abortion services. (De-funds Planned Parenthood) (Bill vetoed)

Voting rights restrictions:

- HB1428 and SB872--Requires photo ID with absentee ballot application. (Bill vetoed)
- HB1598--Requires proof of citizenship to be registered to vote in state elections. (Bill killed)
- SB1105--Requires investigations into voter registration lists to identify persons who may not be eligible to vote. (Bill vetoed)
- SB1253--Grants localities the option of including in their electronic pollbooks the photos of registered voters obtained from DMV records. (Bill vetoed)
- SB1581--Requires registrar to match the name, birthdate, and Social Security Number on voter registration applications with the SSA database; also requires the registrar to verify every registered voter's info with the SSA's database on an annual basis. (Bill vetoed)

Education bills:

- HB1605--Parental Choice Education Savings Accounts ("school vouchers") allows parents to use public tax money for private and religious schools. (Lingamfelter = co-sponsor) (Bill vetoed)
- HB1578 and HB2007--Legislation supporting home schooling. (1578 vetoed; 2007 killed)

Anti-immigration bills:

- HB1468--Requires sheriffs and local jails to comply with ICE immigration detainers. (Bill vetoed)
- HB2000--Prohibits localities from adopting sanctuary policies. (Bill vetoed)
- HB2002--Requires nonprofits to report info to the Dept. of Social Services relating to the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Virginia.(Bill vetoed)

Anti-LGBT bill:

- HB2025 and SB1324--The state cannot require any person or organization to participate in a marriage ceremony and cannot impose any penalty for refusing to solemnize a marriage due to a belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman. (Bill vetoed)

Gun bill:

- HB 1852--Allows person with a protective order to carry a concealed handgun. (Bill vetoed)

Anti-regulation bill:

- HJ545 and SJ295--General assembly can nullify any administrative regulation by a majority vote of each house. (Bill passed House and Senate)

MISCELLANEOUS VOTES

Lingamfelter voted in favor of the following bills:

2017

- HB1500—Voted, along with all Republicans, against Medicaid expansion in the 2017 state budget bill.

2016

- HB1371--Pre-emptive legislation to prohibit cities from increasing the minimum wage above the state level. (Bill vetoed)

2012

- HB1—Establishes life as beginning at conception. (Bill failed)
- HB62—Repeals funding for abortions for low-income women in cases where the fetus has a gross and incapacitating physical deformity or mental deficiency. (Bill failed)
- HB462—Requires a woman to undergo an ultrasound before having an abortion. (Bill enacted)
- HB1112—Eliminates the requirement for female children to receive the HPV vaccine. (Bill failed)

2006

- SB526—Constitutional amendment defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman. (Ratified by voters in 2006; ruled unconstitutional by district judge in 2014)

TOP ISSUES

Gun rights:

- Received an A+ rating from the NRA
- Received the NRA's Carter-Knight Award in 2013 for sponsoring the bill that repealed Virginia's one-gun-per-month rationing law
- Sponsored legislation making it easier to buy and carry guns (see above)
- Co-chair of the Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus

Law and Order:

- 2017 Legislator of the Year award from the Virginia State Police Association
- Chair of the Militia, Police, and Public Safety Commission
- Chair of the Public Safety Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee
- Sponsored legislation creating new felonies and increasing mandatory prison sentences (see above)

Reduction in size and role of government:

- Delegate website includes the following goals in his "Vision for Virginia"--reduce all levels of gov't. intrusion into the lives of citizens and businesses; eliminate waste and fraud in gov't. agencies; stop over-reach of federal gov't. into state's rights; stop unconstitutional federal mandates on Virginia businesses and citizens
- Delegate website describes Lingamfelter as a social and fiscal conservative who adheres to the Founders' vision of constitutional government (i.e., strict
- Sponsored legislation calling for a national convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution to restrict the power of the federal government
- Sponsored legislation to curtail regulations across all state agencies (see above)

Anti-abortion:

- Delegate website describes Lingamfelter as a leader in protecting human life
- Co-sponsored bill prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks and voted for other anti-abortion bills (see above)

Education:

- Supports school vouchers for religious schools
- Supports home schooling
- Member of the House Education Committee

Other:

- Chair of the multi-state Chesapeake Bay Commission, which is tasked with controlling pollution and cleaning up the bay by 2025
- Co-chair of the Legislative Redskins Pride Caucus, which was formed to push back on criticism of the team's name and mascot



EGREGIOUS BEHAVIOR

After trying to kill Alicia’s Law in 2014, Lingamfelter tried to take credit for that same legislation while running for reelection in 2015. Lingamfelter thought he had killed the legislation, saying that law enforcement didn’t need additional funding to go after child predators. In a last-minute move, the governor included funding for Alicia’s Law in a budget amendment. When faced with a public floor vote, Lingamfelter reversed his position and voted for the amendment. Then the Lingamfelter campaign sent mailers calling his opponent, Sara Townsend, a liar for publicizing his opposition to Alicia’s Law and saying that “her mouth oughta be washed out with soap.” The National Association to Protect Children (PROTECT) issued a press release in which the executive director said, “Scott Lingamfelter, with his staff as witness, called me and denied that law enforcement needed more funding to go after child predators and insisted we accept that the appropriations fight was over and we had lost.” They also provided a video of Lingamfelter arguing against funding for Alicia’s Law.