

Virginia Commissioners of the Revenue Association



2018 Legislative Agenda

Virginia's elected Commissioners of the Revenue are making every effort to better serve the Commonwealth and its citizens by providing efficient and innovative revenue administration at both the state and local levels.

In brief, we are committed to providing services to the citizens in each of our localities while simultaneously enhancing state and local revenues at little to no cost.

We are seeking your consideration and support of the following budget priorities:

Item #1 – Restoration of Underfunded and Unfunded Positions

By statute, funding for state approved Commissioner of the Revenue deputy positions is provided jointly by the Commonwealth and local governments on a *50%-50% basis*.

Since 2002, state budget shortfalls have resulted in a \$3.0 million deficit in the state share of funding for *305 deputy positions*. This deficit represents *42%* of 723 state authorized positions in commissioners' offices. This has resulted in positions that have been either unfunded or underfunded. Localities have been forced to absorb the deficit or leave positions vacant.

We request that the Commonwealth begin to address this issue by restoring the state share (50%) of underfunded positions in FY18 and to begin restoring unfunded positions by 10% in both FY18 and FY19.

- Provide (FY18) funding for 134 deputy positions that have been underfunded since 2002.

	<u>FY18</u>	
Approximate cost	\$743,675	

- Provide (FY18) partial funding (10%) for 171 deputy positions that have been entirely unfunded since 2012.

	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>
Approximate cost	\$228,523	\$228,523

(over)

Program	Position Count	Unfunded Position Count	Percent Unfunded	FY18 Cost to Restore Unfunded Positions to Minimum	Additional Unfunded Position Count	Percent Unfunded	FY18 Additional Cost to Restore Unfunded Positions to Minimum
Circuit Court Clerks	1,114	26	2.33%	692,136	118	10.59%	489,634
Commissioners of Revenue	723	171	23.65%	2,285,228	134	18.53%	743,541
Commonwealth's Attorneys	1,144	103	9.00%	3,368,558	74	6.47%	365,066
Finance Directors	370	102	27.57%	1,249,988	12	3.24%	14,745
Regional Jails	4,250	134	3.15%	3,776,094	1	0.02%	216
Sheriffs	7,855	245	3.12%	7,334,884	1	0.01%	2,695
Treasurers	728	251	34.48%	3,283,477	142	19.51%	909,218
GRAND TOTAL	16,184	1,032	6.38%	21,990,364	482	2.98%	2,525,114

Source: State Compensation Board, Richmond, VA

Item #2 – Commissioners of the Revenue Career Development

- Provide (FY18) career development program (CDP) funding for 26 deputies who have qualified for the program but remain unfunded.

	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>
Commissioners of Revenue	\$29,977	\$29,442

Item #3 – Parity with State Employees on Compensation

- The Commissioners of the Revenue Association also supports ongoing efforts to ensure that all constitutional officers are in parity with compensation adjustments provided to classified state employees.

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