

Meeting Your State Delegate and State Senator



Find out WHO your representatives are here and write them down below:

whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov

My state delegate is: _____ Phone #: _____

My state senator is: _____ Phone #: _____

Contact your representatives to

☐ **Set up a meeting at their local office or attend one of their town halls or meet-and-greets.**

There are numerous campaign events scheduled this year. Let their office know you are interested in attending one of these. Some are free, while others are not, and, if you make a donation, you may quickly capture their friendship.

Take the whole family to meet them. Prepare your story about homeschooling, but also prepare your family for a discussion and questions. Think about the questions your representative may ask you and the children. Example: They may ask your child, "What grade are you in?" Prepare your kids to answer questions with confidence. Sit down together and think of other questions that might come your way, and prepare so you aren't caught off guard. Be able to explain your view of the freedom to homeschool!

Be sure to dress nicely for the meeting!

☐ **Invite your representatives to visit your co-op, community group, or church.**

Invite them to speak at your homeschool group as part of a civics lesson.

After you meet with your representatives:

☐ **Get their best contact email address.**

Usually, it will be their aide's email. This way, you know how best to share your opinion and feedback when issues arise that are important to your family.

☐ **Find out who is running against your delegate in the state delegate election this year.**

The House of Delegates is up for election, and the results could have far-reaching consequences. Make sure you have all the facts by taking the opportunity to speak with the challenger.

☐ **Post on HEAV's Homeschooling in Virginia Facebook page and share the details! Include pictures if you can!**