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# WOMEN OF THE SENATE OF VIRGINIA

### Senators

(1980 – present)

Byrne, Leslie L. (D)	Fairfax	2000 – 2004
Couric, Emily (D)	Charlottesville	1996 – 2001
Devolites Davis, Jeannemarie (R)	Fairfax	2004 – 2008
Favola, Barbara A. (D)	Arlington	2012 –
Hailey, Evelyn M. (D)	Norfolk	1982 – 1984
Howell, Janet D. (D)	Fairfax County	1992 –
Locke, Mamie E. (D)	Hampton	2004 –
Lucas, L. Louise (D)	Portsmouth	1992 –
Miller, Emilie F. (D)	Fairfax	1988 – 1992
Miller, Yvonne B. (D)	Norfolk	1988 –
Phillips, Edwina Dalton (R)	Henrico	1988 – 1992
Puller, Linda T. (Toddy) (D)	Fairfax County	2000 –
Scott, Eva F. (R)	Amelia	1980 – 1984
Ticer, Patricia S. (D)	Alexandria	1996 – 2012
Vogel, Jill Holtzman (R)	Fauquier	2008 –
Whipple, Mary Margaret (D)	Arlington	1996 – 2012
Woods, Jane H. (R)	Fairfax	1992 – 2000

### Women in the Senate of Virginia

In 1980, 60 years after women won the right to vote, Eva F. Scott was the first woman to become a member of the Senate of Virginia. In 1982, Evelyn M. Hailey joined Senator Scott; and they both served through 1983.

It was not until four years later, in 1988, that three other women became members of the Senate. Since that time, women have won Senate seats in each major election.

Today, seven members of the forty-member Senate are women. Six of the women currently serving are members of the Democratic Party; Senator Vogel is a member of the Republican Party.

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*Pictured on the cover from left to right: Senator Favola, Senator Howell, Senator Y.B. Miller, Senator Puller, Senator Locke, Senator Lucas, and Senator Vogel.*



### Firsts for Women in the Senate

First woman elected to the Senate:	Eva F. Scott (1980)
First Republican woman elected to the Senate:	Eva F. Scott (1980)
First Democratic woman elected to the Senate:	Evelyn M. Hailey (1982)
First African-American woman elected to the Senate:	Yvonne B. Miller (1988)
First woman to chair a Senate committee:	Yvonne B. Miller (1996)
First woman on Senate Finance Committee:	Janet D. Howell (1997)
Woman with longest Senate service:	Yvonne B. Miller (1988 – )
Woman Senator with longest legislative service:	Yvonne B. Miller (House of Delegates, 1984-87; Senate, 1988 – )
First woman in General Assembly to serve in a leadership position as a caucus chair:	Mary Margaret Whipple (2000 – 2012)
First woman named a Senate budget conferee:	Janet D. Howell (2008)

### Clerks of the Senate

Of the 20 clerks elected by the Senate since 1776, two have been women:

Lucas, Mary Louise O'Connor	Richmond City	1971 – 1976
Schaar, Susan Clarke	Brunswick	1990 –

