

# Relevant Takeaways for Virginia Natural Gas

## Virginia Senate Joint Subcommittee on Election Consolidation

- Chesterfield is exploring voting centers, which could affect participation in local decisions tied to energy projects like the proposed gas plant.
- Moving elections to federal years will likely increase voter turnout, expanding the electorate for races and ballot issues with implications for natural gas oversight.
- Discussions of ranked-choice voting signal potential changes to how energy- and environment-focused candidates fare in local elections, shifting the political context for natural gas regulation.

**Bottom Line:** While no direct natural gas policies were discussed, election process changes could reshape the political landscape, potentially increasing scrutiny of natural gas projects and amplifying community voices in regulatory debates.