

2011 BUDGET ISSUES FOR VIRGINIA'S TREASURERS

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TREASURERS: SNAPSHOT

- 125 principal officers
- 735 deputies
- Deputy costs split 50-50 with locality
- Collect state & local taxes/revenues
- State functions include income tax, DMV satellite offices
- Pilot program for collection of delinquent state taxes

2010 RECAP

- Budget Bill proposed more than ***\$150 million*** in cuts to constitutional offices
- Would have eliminated funding for all deputies in treasurers' offices – more than ***725*** positions
- General Assembly restored most, but not all, of the proposed reductions

OPERATIONS FUNDING

- Unrestored cuts of ***\$3.8 million*** in treasurers' offices
- Equates to more than 250 entry-level deputy positions
- Result of cuts
 - Positions eliminated
 - Vacancies frozen
 - Localities forced to fund state share

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Program created in 2002 to retain experienced deputies, promote professional development
- Rigorous coursework, testing
- Funding frozen since 2008 - 11 principal officers, 85 deputies qualified but unfunded
- Minimal cost to include: \$77,621 for deputies, \$84,000 for principal officers

OTHER ISSUES: RISK MANAGEMENT

- Budget Bill eliminates *all* funding for VA Risk, the program that provides liability coverage and bonds for all five constitutional offices
- Total premium cost (all offices) is \$3.4 million
- 50% cut last year – remaining 50% proposed for cut this year

OTHER ISSUES: RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT

- State employees & retired teachers: \$4/month/year of creditable service
- Equates to \$120/month for 30-year retiree
- Constitutional officers: \$1.50/month (equates to \$45/month)
- As result of change in reimbursement policy, no state fiscal impact to equalize