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Sen. Mark Peake, R-Lynchburg, right, and Senate Majority Leader Sen. Scott Surovell, D-Fairfax, standing left, speak during the session on redistricting Wednesday.

House backs amendment on redrawing 2026 maps

Senate Dems hope to pass measure Friday as Republicans object

DAVE RESS AND ANNA BRYSON
Richmond Times-Dispatch

The Virginia House of Delegates on Wednesday passed a proposed constitutional amendment that would let state legislators redraw Virginia's Congress-

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sional districts if another state does so first.

The measure passed on a 51-42

party-line vote, with Democrats voting in support. The measure now heads to the state Senate, where Democrats hope to approve it Friday.

If it stands up amid a GOP legal challenge, the Democrats' actions this week would be the first step in a multi-step process that could result in legislators crafting a new map of Virginia's U.S. House districts ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.

The Democrats who proposed the measure say the amendment

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WATCH: House Minority Leader Terry Kilgore speaks at a news conference on Wednesday's redistricting vote. Point your cellphone camera at the QR code and click the link. [NEWSVU](#)

PRINCE GEORGE

Board passes new policy on uniforms

Decision sparked by Bible verse on soccer jerseys

PAUL WHELAN
Richmond Times-Dispatch

The Prince George County

Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday night to approve new policies for the county's Parks and Recreation Department regarding religious references on county-owned property.

The decision comes roughly a month after a controversy sparked by a youth soccer team,



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which added a reference to a Bible verse, John 14:6, to the uni-

forms of its 7- and 8-year-old players.

John 14:6 is a popular scripture that reads, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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REDISTRICTING

GOP leaders file suit to block session

Republicans seek restraining order

MICHAEL MARTZ
Richmond Times-Dispatch

House and Senate Republican leaders have filed a lawsuit in a Southwest Virginia court seeking to block the surprise special session that Democrats called in Richmond to allow a mid-decade political redistricting before congressional midterm elections next year.

Senate Minority Leader Ryan McDougle, R-Hanover, Sen. Bill Stanley, R-Franklin County, and House Minority Leader Terry Kilgore, R-Scott, filed the lawsuit on Tuesday in Tazewell County Circuit Court to seek an emergency temporary restraining order to stop the special session.

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GOVT. SHUTDOWN

Va. Dems urge Miyares to join suit over SNAP

Food assistance to expire on Nov. 1

MICHAEL MARTZ
Richmond Times-Dispatch

The six Democrats in Virginia's U.S. House delegation are urging Attorney General Jason Miyares to join more than two dozen other states in a lawsuit to require President Donald Trump to continue funding food assistance that is about to expire Saturday for more 42 million Americans, including 854,000 in Virginia, during the ongoing federal government shutdown.

Rep. Eugene Vindman, D-7th, a first-term congressman, is



Vindman

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