

Eighth Virginia Prosecutor Announces He Won't Enforce Gun Ban

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An eighth prosecutor in Virginia has announced that the state's recently-enacted ban on so-called "assault weapons" is unconstitutional and he won't enforce it.

Democratic Gov. Abigail Spanberger **signed** the **legislation**, SB 749, into law Thursday despite the General Assembly rejecting her amendments to the bill, claiming that the gun ban would "protect families." Appomattox County Commonwealth Attorney Leslie M. Fleet said in a Thursday Facebook **post** that he would not enforce either SB749 or a "public carry ban" Spanberger also approved.

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