

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1256

**House of Origin**      ☐ Introduced      ☐ Substitute      ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**      ☐ In Committee      ☒ Substitute      ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Sherwood

**3. Committee** S. Privileges and Elections

**4. Title** Form of ballots; party designations on the ballot.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Provides for the identification by party on the ballot of candidates nominated by "recognized political parties" as well as by the major political parties. The bill incorporates the 2001 court order of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in *Libertarian Party of Virginia vs. Quinn* relating to party identification on the ballot. That order provides that a recognized political party includes any organization that, for at least six months prior to the filing deadline for candidates, has had a state central committee composed of registered voters residing in each congressional district, a party plan and bylaws, and a duly elected chairman and secretary.

The definition is similar to the definition used currently to allow minor party names on presidential election ballots. There is no requirement to have received a certain percentage of the vote in prior elections.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** None. The bill codifies current practice required by the courts, according to the State Board of Elections.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Board of Elections, local electoral boards and general registrars.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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