

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB2635

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

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

**2. Patron** Marshall, R.G.

**3. Committee** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title** Recounts and contests of elections; presidential elections.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Revises the procedures for a recount and contest following a presidential election to shorten the timetable for both proceedings. The revised timetable will permit completion of the proceedings in time to comply with the federal law deadline for a state to complete such procedures. Under that federal law, if the state law provides for a final decision on a presidential election at least six days before the date the electors are to meet, the state's determination is conclusive and cannot be challenged. The bill does not affect recount and contest proceedings in other elections.

**6. Minimal Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The proposal will conform the Code of Virginia to meet recent changes in the United States Code. Minor fiscal impacts may occur resulting from the increase in staff workload necessary to prepare any required revisions to the current standards set out to govern recounts and contested elections.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Board of Elections

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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